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KINDAICHI
RETURNS

LET'S CHECK THE ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT YOU'VE ALL SOLVED.

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PLEASE WAIT FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES ...

WAAAH!!!! FUNNYAAA!

HAH!

HAJIME-CHAN! WAKE UP, THE TEACHER IS COMING THIS WAY!

I TOLD HIM NOT TO STAY UP SO LATE...

DAMMIT, KINDAICHI IS MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE!

AH, SENSEI... THE THING IS, HAJIME-CHAN...

ER, I MEAN, KINDAICHI-KUN STAYED UP ALL NIGHT STUDYING ...

IS THAT SO...

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MHMM!!

EH? WHERE AM I, HMM ...

EH?? AH... NO, I..ER, I WAS USING A BALL-POINT PEN. THAT'S WHY...

ALL NIGHT GAMING!

WHAT ARE THESE CALLUSES ON YOUR THUMBS, THEN? YOU WERE PLAYING GAMES LAST NIGHT, RIGHT??

UGH ...

YO!

HA!

LOOK, I CAN HOLD IT IN BOTH HANDS TOO!

HEY, HAJIME-CHAN... YOU KNOW...

HM?

THE WINTER HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE...

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BE PREPARED, KINDAICHI! IF YOU SCORE LESS THAN 30 ON MY PAPER, THEN THAT'S IT FOR YOU!!

OKAY, OKAY...

THE MATH TESTS ARE GETTING MORE DIFFICULT BY THE DAY ...

THE TOP SCORE IN THE LAST TEST WAS JUST 40!

OI KINDAICHI, NANASE HAS A POINT.

AT THIS RATE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PASS THE GRADE! YOU'LL HAVE TO REPEAT IT!

YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO FAIL, KINDAICHI!

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HAHA!!

EH?? REALLY?! I COULD ONLY ANSWER ONE PROBLEM!

EVER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE NEVER STUDIES AND ONLY PASSES THE EXAMS BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH. HE'S PRETTY SMART, ACTUALLY ...

THIS IS KINDAICHI HAJIME. THE TWO OF US HAVE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE KINDERGARTEN.

DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN DO WELL NEXT YEAR!

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ME, CALL YOU "SENPAI"? FAT CHANCE!

YEAH, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL US "SENPAI", THOUGH!

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IDIOT ...

WHY CAN'T HE JUST APPLY HIMSELF TO HIS STUDIES INSTEAD OF LAZING AROUND LIKE THIS??

B-BUT, YOSHINAGA-SAN...

KINDAICHI-KUN IS CAUSING PROBLEMS IN YOUR CLASS? IT CAN'T BE ...

STAFF ROOM

SHUT UP!

BUT I'VE HEARD RUMOURS THAT HE'S THE GRAND-SON OF A VERY FAMOUS DETECTIVE!

IS THAT SO...

AND HE DOES NOTHING BUT SLEEP AND DROOL DURING CLASS HOURS!!

LOOK AT THIS! HE'S DOODLED ALL OVER THE ANSWER SHEET OF THE TEST PAPER!!

I SET TOUGH QUESTIONS TO RAISE THEIR LEVEL! EVEN IN MY LAST TEST, NOBODY COULD GET MORE THAN A SCORE OF 40!

PSH! IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CHALLENGE!

A-AH, I HEAR STUDENTS FIND YOUR TESTS VERY DIFFICULT ...

LOOK AT THIS TEST PAPER HE HAS HANDED IN! HE HASN'T EVEN ANSWERED THE FIRST QUESTION ...

B-BE THAT IT MAY, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS PROWESS IN CLASS...

HE'S REALLY MEAN...

I SET AN ESPECIALLY HARD QUESTION IN THIS TEST AS WELL! LET'S SEE WHAT KINDAICHI HAJIME HAS WRITTEN FOR THAT. ANOTHER DOODLE, NO DOUBT!

EH?? I THINK THAT'S THE FIRST TIME A HIGH SCHOOLER HAS SOLVED THAT PROBLEM!

THAT'S TRUE! THIS PROBLEM DOES NOT USE ANY KIND OF FORMULA! IT HAS TO BE SOLVED USING LOGIC ALONE ...

H-HOW COULD HE HAVE ANSWERED IT?!

IT'S... IT'S NOT POSSIBLE...

HIS ANSWER IS PERFECTLY CORRECT!!

I HEARD THAT THE BOY WHO RECORDED THAT WAS A KID NAMED KINDAICHI ...

DURING ADMISSIONS, THE SCHOOL HAS STUDENTS UNDERGO AN IQ TEST...

AND THE HIGHEST IQ EVER RECORDED WAS A STAGGERING 180!

HO HO HO... SO THE RUMOUR WAS TRUE AFTER ALL!

EH?

WOW, THAT'S GREAT!!

N-NO WAY... THAT BOY WHO BARELY STAYS AWAKE IN CLASS ..?

SFX. SLAP!

WELL, IF I PUT MY HAND HERE, I CAN SEE YOUR UNDER-WEAR...

EH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...

HEY MIYUKI! ISN'T YOUR SKIRT A LITTLE SHORTER THAN USUAL?

HAHA! HE...O THERE, MIYUKI!!

OH, YOU REALLY WANT ME TO SAY IT??

HEY! WHAT WAS THAT FOR??

OH NO! ARE YOU OKAY, NOW?

YES. IT IS A FRACTURE, BUT IT'S NOT THAT BAD!

HEHE, I FELL WHILE I WAS OUT SKIING LAST WEEK ...

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EH? MAKI-CHAN?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LEGS?!

HELLO ...

MY NAME IS KINDAICHI HAJIME. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

AH, THIS IS SOUMA MAKI-CHAN, FROM CLASS F...

I GAVE UP N THE END. BUT SHE PERSISTED AND GOT IN, FINALLY!

THE TWO OF US HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET INTO THE SKI NG CLUB FOR A YEAR...

EHH? WHAT'S WITH HER CALLING ME K NDAICHI-CHAN? AND WHAT'S WITH THAT WINK??

Wink!

YES, I'VE HEARD OF YOU. YOU'RE QUITE FAMOUS, KINDAICHI-CHAN ...

THAT'S THE THING! THIS ISN'T JUST A SIMPLE PART-TIME JOB EITHER...

EH? BUT HOW WILL YOU WORK WHEN YOU'RE HURT LIKE THIS?

THE THING IS... I HAD APPLIED TO WORK PART-TIME AT A SK RESORT DURNG THE W NTER HOLIDAYS!

I'M ACTUALLY IN SOME TROUBLE, MIYUK ...

EH?!

YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN SELECTED AS A GUIDE FOR THE "SNOW GOBLIN SKI RESORT"...

WHICH IS SET TO OFFICIALLY OPEN DURING THE WINTER HOLIDAYS!

LIKE ME, OTHER FEMALE STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED. AND ONE OF THOSE GIRLS...

WILL BE SELECTED AS THE "IMAGE GIRL OF THE RESORT!!"

EH? SO YOU'RE ONE OF THE CANDIDATES, MAKI-CHAN?

YES! AND I REALLY WANTED TO BE CHOSEN ...

BUT I'VE GONE AND HURT MYSELF ...

SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF ME PARTICIPATING ...

SO THAT'S WHY, MIYUK... WOULD YOU PLEASE...

GO AND PARTICIPATE IN MY PLACE??

EH?! M-ME??

I'VE ALREADY SENT THEM A COUPLE OF PHOTOS OF YOU...

AND THEY ACCEPTED!

REALLY?

YES! YOU'VE WORKED AS A GUIDE BEFORE...

AND YOU ALSO KNOW HOW TO SKI!!

YEAH, BUT ...

HMM, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ...

THE RESORT IS FOUNDED BY THE CEO OF "WEB THREAD", A BIG COMPANY WHICH MANAGES MANY BULLETIN BOARDS ON THE INTERNET...

HE IS ALSO GOING TO COME TO THE RESORT. I'VE HEARD HE'S VERY HANDSOME!

A HAND-SOME GUY ...?

IT'S A REALLY GREAT OPPURTUNITY, RIGHT?

NO NO NO!!! WAIT A MINUTE HERE!!!

YOU CAN'T JUST SIMPLY ACCEPT BECAUSE THE HEAD OF THE COMPANY IS HANDSOME!!

REALLY? IN THAT CASE, I'LL GO.

THEY ALSO ACCEPT BOYS AS PART OF THEIR PROGRAM. SHALL I SIGN YOU UP FOR IT?

OH BY THE WAY, KINDAICHI-KUN...

ANYWAY, THE PAY IS QUITE LARGE, YOU KNOW ...

AH, PLEASE STOP FIGHTING, YOU TWO ...

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!

EH? I AM NOT LIKE YOU, HAJIME-CHAN...

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THAT'S AWESOME! I'LL GO WITH MIYUKI, THEN!

EH?! REALLY!!

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IN A CAFE NEAR THE SNOWY SLOPE...

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I HAD MY FIRST EVER KISS...

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HMPH, SINGING OLD SONGS AGA N, HAJIME-CHAN...

HEY, IT'S A NICE SONG!

THEY SAID IT WAS A "HIGH-END" RESORT, BUT THE ONLY WAY UP WAS A RICKETY OLD CABLE CAR...

AND THEY EVEN DELAYED IT TWO TIMES, WHICH WAS VERY CONFUS NG. IT HASN'T BEEN ORGANISED VERY WELL, I THINK.

I COULD REALLY GET USED TO THIS STUFF!

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WOW, TH S FEELS SO GOOD!

OUR JOB IS TO JUST SHOW PEOPLE AROUND, RIGHT?

BUT...

YOUR NAME IS NANASE MIYUKI, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

EH? W-WHO ARE YOU?

HMM ...

EH?

IF YOU'RE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, YOU SHOULD BACK OUT WHEN YOU CAN.

NICE TO MEET YOU TOO!

SHE'S REALLY EXCITED, ISN'T SHE?

I AM 17 YEARS OLD, LIKE YOU. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.

MY NAME IS KAGEHIRA AYAME. I WILL ALSO BE COMPETING WITH YOU FOR THE TITLE OF 'IMAGE GIRL'.

KAGEHIRA AYAME (17)

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WORKS PART-TIME

EH?! IT LOOKS LIKE A UFO!!

IT DOES, RIGHT??

LOOK AT THIS! THEY HAVE PLANNED TO CHANGE THE MODEL OF THE CABLE CARS TO THIS GONDOLA MODEL!

EH?

THESE PHOTOS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROJECT ...

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS?

Y-YES ...

BECOMING THE "IMAGE GIRL" OF THE RESORT WOULD BE SO WONDERFUL, WON'T IT?

SO IN SUCH A WELL-KNOWN SKI AREA LIKE THIS ...

IT LOOKS LIKE THE LINE DIVIDING MIYUK AND ME IS FINALLY BLURRING

THESE ARE GOOD SIGNS

NYA HA HA HA!

A-AH, YES!

WELL, I'M NOT SO TIRED BECAUSE I HAD HAJIME-CHAN FOR COMPANY. RIGHT?

WELL, I'M TIRED FROM MY TRAIN JOURNEY, SO I'M GOING IN...

SO TALKATIVE ...

HM?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S WEIRD THAT THERE'S NO ONE HERE EXCEPT US?

HEY, HAJIME-CHAN...

EHH?! A HELICOPTER!!!

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Y-YES ...

YOU TWO MUST BE NANASE MIYUKI-SAN AND KAGEHIRA AYAME-SAN, CORRECT?

HELLO THERE!

I AM THE CEO OF OF THE CONGLOMERATE CALLED "WEB THREAD" WHICH WILL BE IN CHARGE OF SUPERVISION AND BY DEFINITION THE COMPLETE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESORT HERE.

GREAT! MY NAME IS TSUKIMIZATO HIKARU.

TSUKIMIZATO HIKARU (20)

CEO - WEB THREAD

CEO-SAN. I'VE PREPARED THE SKI EQUIPMENT FOR YOU.

AH, YES. THANK YOU, KUROKI-SAN.

WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY ???

AND WHAT'S WITH HIS USE OF FANCY WORDS? WHAT ON EARTH IS A CONGO... WHATEVER!

OH YES! KINDAINI-KUN, WASN'T IT?

AH, NO... HAJIME KONDAICHI, PLEASED TO MEET YOU!

AT LEAST GET THE NAME RIGHT, MORON ...

ERM... H-HELLO THERE, TSUKIMIZATO-SAN...

EH? WHO... OH, YES! YOU ARE ALSO VOLUNTEERING HERE, RIGHT? HMM, WHAT WAS YOUR NAME, NOW ...

I WILL GET THE SKIING EQUIPMENT FOR THE REST OF YOU READY IN NO TIME!

YES. IT IS COLD OUT HERE, BUT IF WE REST INSIDE FOR A WHILE, IT WILL BE TOLERABLE ...

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AGH!! THIS IS AN INSULT!

OF COURSE. WELL, THE MALE PART-TIME WORKERS ARE JUST FOR PHYSICAL LABOUR...

SO WHY DON'T YOU CARRY ALL OUR LUGGAGE AND THE EQUIPMENT?

AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO LOOK BEAUTIFUL, YOU WILL GET EVEN MORE!

OF COURSE! SINCE YOU ARE THE PROSPECTIVE IMAGE GIRLS FOR THE RESORT, IT'S ALL FREE...

YES! DO WE REALLY GET THEM FOR FREE?

THESE WINTER CLOTHES LOOK ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

KYAA! THANK YOU!!

WHAT'S WITH THIS STRANGE COMPANY ..

IT'S TOO WEIRD

IF THAT GUY TURNS THE CHARM ON HER, THEN...

I CAN'T LET MIYUKI GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT SLIPPERY GUY...

IT SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THIS ...

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HMM?

WOW!!!

THE PEAKS THAT PIERCE THE DEEP BLUE SKY ...

AND A VAST WORLD OF WHITE, WHICH STRETCHES BEYOND IMAG NATION.

YEAH...

THE SCENERY LOOKS SO BEAUTIFUL ...

IS SECOND TO NOTHING!

YES!

THIS AMAZING PANORAMA...

AH, HERE WE ARE ...

PLEASE LOOK OVER THERE ...

DO YOU SEE THAT COTTAGE OVER THERE?

THAT'S WHERE WE'LL ALL BE STAYING..

O-OF COURSE!

YEAH YEAH ...

WILL YOU HELP ME ACHIEVE MY DREAM?

WELL?

WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE, WE'VE ONLY BUILT THE FIRST SKI RESORT ...

BUT I HAVE PLANNED TO BUILD MORE, SIDE BY SIDE, AND THEN, "YUKIONI" PEAK SKI RESORT" WILL BE FAMOUS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...MAYBE EVEN ALL OVER THE WORLD!

T/L NOTE . YUKION = SNOW GOBLIN

SURE!

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY WE SKI DOWN TO THE COTTAGE?

MY SECRETARY, KUROK -SAN HAS ALREADY GIVEN US THE SK EQUIPMENT...

I'LL GO FIRST!

EXCELLENT! IN THAT CASE...

THAT'S AMAZING! TSUKIMIZATO-SAN REALLY SKIS LIKE A PROFESSIONAL!

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OKAY! IT'S MY TURN NOW!!

OKAY, THEN!

BUT YOU GO FIRST. I'LL TAKE SOME PICTURES AND FOLLOW YOU ...

YEAH ...

COME ON, HAJIME-CHAN, LET'S GO TOO!

SNATCH M.YUKI AWAY!!

DAMN THAT GUY! JUST YOU WAIT. I WON'T LET YOU

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. A MAN'S PRIDE IS AT STAKE.

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PHEW, I'VE ESCAPED. SHE STILL DOESN'T KNOW THAT I CAN'T SKI...

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W-WHOA!!

WHOOPS, AH!!

THIS IS BAD! I'M EVEN WORSE THAN I THOUGHT!

AH, IT LOOKS THEY'VE ALL GONE ...

I'D BETTER GO TOO ...

AND WE WERE GIVEN TRAINING REGARDING THE GUIDE-WORK WE HAD TO DO TO HELP THE SIX GUESTS WHO WERE ARRIVING THE NEXT DAY.

THAT NIGHT, WE GUIDES WERE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MAMORU KUROKI, WHO WAS THE SECRETARY OF THE CEO...

OI KONDAICHI-KUN! DON'T LAZE AROUND LIKE THAT WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING

OH! S-SORRY, KUROKI-SAN!

THAT HANDSOME DEVIL...

LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING FUN...

"IF YOU ARE A SLACKER WHO DOES NOT DO ANY WORK..."

"YOU WILL BE EATEN BY THE SNOW GOBLIN!!"

AND WHEN I WAS A CHILD, WE HAD AN OLD SAYING ...

HAHAHA! YOU KNOW, I WAS BORN NOT FAR FROM HERE. I PRACTICALLY GREW UP IN AND AROUND THESE MOUNTAINS ...

KUROKI MAMORU (27)

SECRETARY

IT'S AN OLD LEGEND WHICH WAS PASSED DOWN TO SCARE CHILDREN. BUT YOU NEVER KNOW ...

THIS AREA IS EVEN CALLED THE "SNOW GOBLIN PEAKS" ...

EHH?? S-SNOW GOBLIN...?

PHEEEWW!! FINALLY, I CAN GET SOME SLEEP ...

SO TIRED ...

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SO WORK SERIOUSLY FROM NOW ON OKAY, KINDAICHI-KUN?

Y-YES ...

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HMM, THE WIND IS ESPECIALLY STRONG AT NIGHT...

I WONDER IF IT WILL CALM DOWN IN THE MORNING...

ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SIX PEOPLE ARE COMING TOMORROW..

ARE YOU THREE READY?

YES!!

COME ON! THE GUESTS ARE ALL HERE!!

WOW, THOSE TWO AT THE FRONT ARE PRETTY GOOD ...

IT'S GOOD THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST 2 PEOPLE WHO ARE AS BAD AS AM ...

YEAH ...

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TO THE SNOW GOBLIN SKI RESORT!!

GOOD MORNING, AND WELCOME ...

AH ...

IT'S PRETTY ENORMOUS!

SO THIS SKI RESORT WAS BUILT BY "WEB THREAD", EH?

FINALLY, WE'VE ARRIVED THE SKI RESORT!

YES ...

SABAKI KAITO (27)

I'M SO LUCKY TO BE HERE!

I LOVE THE LOOK AND FEEL OF IT TOO...

KUMOSAWA NATSUKI (27)

THE COMPANY SURE IS ROLL NG .N MONEY.

BUT HE HAS INVITED US HERE, AND EVEN GIVEN US EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP CARDS...

SO, THE PERSON WHO BUILT THIS RESORT IS STILL SO YOUNG...

TSUBAKIHARA BENIKO (19)

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I HOPE EVERYONE GETS THESE MEMBERSHIP CARDS!

I BET TH S RESORT W LL BE REALLY SUCCESSFUL ...

WOW! IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE I'VE FELT SUCH A GREAT SENSATION WH LE SKI NG!

"MEMBER-SH P CARD"?

HEY, HEY... I STILL DON'T GET IT. WHAT EXACTLY IS TH S...

PROFESSIONAL SKIING PLAYER

TAKAYAMA TSUBASA (32)

EH?!

HAHA, THAT'S REALLY RUDE, ONODERA-SENPA.

HIIRAGI SHIN' ICHIROU (20)

STUDENT

CAN I JUST SELL IT TO SOMEONE ELSE?

ONODERA SONAMI (21)

STUDENT

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CHANCES ARE HIGH THAT WE'LL NEVER GET IT BACK IF WE LOSE IT SOMEHOW!

SINCE WE'VE GOTTEN THIS MEMBERSHIP DRAW FROM A LUCKY DRAW ...

AT THAT TIME...

I HADN'T REALISED ...

THAT THERE WAS REALLY A WICKED "SNOW GOBLIN" WHICH WAS LURKING IN THE BLIZZARD ...

AND PREY ON THE PEOPLE WHO HAD GATHERED THERE.

WAITING TO SINK ITS VICIOUS FANGS OF HATRED...

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ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR ACCEPTING OUR INVITATION ...

TO VISIT THE LATEST PROJECT OF WEB THREAD - "THE SNOW GOBLIN SKI RESORT"!

THOUGH IT WILL ONLY BE FOR A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, I HOPE ALL YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL STAY!

TSUKUMIZATO HIKARU
(20)

CEO - WEB THREAD

I'VE HEARD RUMOURS ON THE INTERNET ABOUT SOME GIRL WHOM HE TREATED LIKE TRASH AND THEN DUMPED.

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HEH, YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL ...

SABAKI KAITO (27)

THE CEO, TSUKUMIZATO-SAN IS BOTH RICH AND HANDSOME. SO COOL....

KUMOSAWA NATSUKI (18)

THE RESORT WILL FORMALLY OPEN NEXT YEAR. WE BELIEVE THAT THE OPINIONS OF THE GUESTS AS WELL AS THE WORKERS ...

WELL SERVE AS INVALUABLE INPUT FOR OUR BUSINESS PLANS.

I FORMALLY WELCOME YOU SIX GUESTS TO THE "SNOW GOBLIN SKI RESORT"...

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF. I AM KUROKI MAMORU, THE SECRETARY TO WEB THREAD'S CEO, TSUKUMIZATO-SAN ...

KUROKI MAMORU (27)

SECRETARY

IT EVEN SAID SO IN THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, KAGEHIRA-SAN ...

SHE'S RIGHT...

EH?! NO WAY! SO IT'S NOT JUST NANASE-SAN AND I, WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED?

ALSO, AMONG THE 24 FEMALE GUIDES WE HAVE SELECTED, ONE AMONG THEM WILL BE SELECTED AS "IMAGE GIRL" OF THE RESORT!

KAGEHIRA AYAME (17) HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WORKS PART-TIME

NOW, THE GUIDES MUST COLLECT SURVEY DATA FROM THE GUESTS AT LEAST 12 TIMES. ONCE THAT IS OVER, THE GUESTS AND THE GUIDES WILL SIT TOGETHER FOR A MEETING, WHERE...

AMONG THE INVITED GUESTS AND GUIDES, 5 WILL BE CHOSEN FOR A SPECIAL AND EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP CARD...

I THINK YOU'RE THE FAVOURITE TO WIN THE "IMAGE GIRL" TITLE.

BY THE WAY, YOU ARE NANASE-SAN, CORRECT?

WHY DON'T YOU ALL INTRODUCE YOUR-SELVES ...

ALRIGHT THEN...

AS WE WAIT FOR OUR CHEF MATSUSHIMADA MANABU-SAN TO PREPARE DINNER...

CRAP ...

ANOTHER USELESS GUY...

WHO IS THIS GUY?

DON'T YOU KNOW? HE'S EVEN GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT WORLD CUP.

THREE YEARS AGO, I JOINED AN AMATEUR SKIING CONTEST. BUT NOW, I HAVE BECOME A PROFESSIONAL SKIER.

AS THE OLDEST, LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF FIRST...

MY NAME IS TAKAYAMA TSUBASA ...

TAKAYAMA TSUBASA (32)

PROFESSIONAL SKIER

AH, THANK YOU, TAKAYAMA-SAN. I SHALL CONSIDER IT FOR NOW.

HERE IS MY CARD, IF YOU ARE EVER IN NEED OF MY SERVICES.

I ALSO WORKED AS A PART-TIME CONSULTANT FOR THE SPORT OF SKIING. I CAN MAKE MYSELF BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU, CEO-SAN...

OH, YES. I FORGOT YOU HAVE NO LIFE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PRECIOUS COMPUTER SCREEN, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

HEH, AREN'T YOU A LITTLE OLD TO BE SKIING?

WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK UP A BIT, NOBODY CAN HEAR YOU ...

AH, YOU ARE SABAKI-KUN, YES?

THE NAME IS SABAKI KAITO. I DON'T WORK ...

MY HOBBY IS COMPUTERS ...

THAT'S IT ...

WHAT ON EARTH...

ANYWAY, AS THE NEXT OLDEST, YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE YOURSELF NOW.

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AH, LET IT GO, SABAKI-SAN...

H-HEY, WORKER GIRL! BEHAVE YOURSELF IN FRONT OF THE GUESTS!!

EH? SO ARE YOU A HIKKI*, MISTER?

T/L NOTE : A HIKKI IS SOMEONE WHO ISOLATES THEMSELVES FROM SOCIETY.

WE WOULD GET SOME HONEST OPINIONS.

WE THOUGHT THAT IF WE BROUGHT IN OUTSIDERS TO WORK FOR US ...

WE DECIDED NOT TO USE OUR COMPANY STAFF, BECAUSE ...

THE WORKERS HERE ARE PART-TIMERS CHOSEN BY A LUCKY DRAW...

SO WE APOLOGISE AS THEY ARE NOT PROFESSIONALS ...

PLEASE BE FREE OF WORRIES, MIYUKI-CHAN...

EH?

I WILL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR YOU.

DON'T WORRY, MIYUKI, I'LL BE TH-

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HEY, HAJIME-CHAN... I FEEL A BIT SCARED ...

SO, THE RUMOURS ARE TRUE. WEB THREAD IS ONLY A ONE-MAN CORPORATION, AND HAS NO TRUSTWORTHY EMPLOYEES AT ALL...

AH, THAT'S ME!

SO? WHO IS NEXT IN LINE TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES?

ALREADY CALLING HER BY A NICKNAME...

T-THAT GUY..

EH? THIS GIRL IS FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY? THAT'S THE SAME AS SUPERINTENDENT AKECHI!

BUT SHE LOOKS A BIT DIM...

PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL!

MY NAME IS ONODERA SORAMI. I AM CURRENTLY IN MY SIXTH SEMSTER, STUDYING IN TOKYO UNIVERSITY ...

ONODOERA SONAMI (21)

SIXTH SEMESTER TOKYO UNIVERSITY STUDENT

WHAAT... THIS DAMN SK RT-CHASER IS FROM THE KYOUTOU UNIVERSITY??

WOW, IT'S GREAT THAT YOU COULD GET INTO THE R SK CLUB! I HEARD IT WAS VERY HARD!

AH, YES IT WAS...

AND I AM FROM THE SKI CLUB OF KYOUYOU UNIVERSITY!

NEXT UP IS ME, THEN! I AM IN THE FOURTH SEMESTER OF UNIVERSITY...

MY NAME IS H IRAG! SHI'N ICHIROU ...

HIIRAG! SHI'NICHIROU (20)

FOURTH SEMESTER STUDENT AT KYOUTOU UNIVERSITY

CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN, I HAVE TO WORK HERE AND MAKE SURE THAT LECHER STAYS AWAY FROM HER!

BUT IF YOU COME TO KYOTO SOMEDAY, YOU CAN CALL ME AND I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND, WHAT SAY?

BUT THE WEATHER S A BIT WORRYING.

YES, IT IS A BLIZZARD, I TH NK.

I CANNOT WAIT TO GO OUTSIDE AND SKI...

HELLO, I AM TSUBAKIHARA BENIKO. I AM N THE FOURTH SEMESTER ,N THE SPECIAL ALL-WOMEN KYOUTOU UNIVERSITY, I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF VARIOUS SKI CLUBS SINCE MY MIDDLE SCHOOL DAYS ...

TSUBAKIHARA BENIKO (20)

FOURTH SEMESTER AT ALL-WOMEN KYOUTO UNIVERSTIY

I'M DYING IN THIS COLD...

...

I AM KUMOSAWA NATSUKI! I'M IN THE THIRD GRADE OF HIGH SCHOOL...

AND I AM A COMPLETE NOVICE AT SKIING! SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!

WELL, IF THE SNOW DOESN'T EASE UP, I'LL JUST CALL FOR A CHOPPER TO ESCORT US DIRECTLY TO THE SKI AREAS, DON'T YOU WORRY...

IF THAT'S THE CASE, I HOPE THE WEATHER GETS EVEN WORSE!

WOW, AMAZING, CEO-SAN!!

SUCH A GLOOMY AND DANK ATMOSPHERE...

HM?

BY THE WAY, KUROK-SAN...

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WELL, HERE'S SOME FOOD FOR YOU. DIG IN!

EH? WOW, THANKS A LOT!!

PHEEEW! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE THAT I'VE WORKED SO HARD!!

I GET THE FEELING THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER WORKED, KINDAICHI-KUN!

WELL, I SAW THAT THERE ARE A MIX OF AGE-GROUPS, SO I WAS WONDERING HOW IT WAS DONE...

YEAH. WHY DO YOU ASK?

THE GUESTS WHO ARE HERE... THEIR NAMES WERE SELECTED BY A LUCKY DRAW, RIGHT?

EH? "OTHER INFORMATION"?

OF COURSE, THEY ALL PASSED THE SPECIAL CRITERIA OF "OTHER INFORMATION"...

YES, THAT IS A GOOD OBSERVATION ...

THEY WERE CHOSEN BY A "GUEST MONITOR", WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE IN OUR COMPANY. HE INPUTS THEIR NAMES INTO A SOFTWARE IN THE COMPUTER, AND IT PICKED OUT 6 PEOPLE AT RANDOM...

WHICH IS WHAT OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS HERE...

SO BY GATHERING KNOWLEDGABLE INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER, WE HOPED TO GET THEIR EXPERT OPINIONS ON OUR RESORT ...

BASICALLY, THEY ARE ALL PEOPLE WHO COMMENTED ON OUR VARIOUS INTERNET PAGES AND SHOWED GREAT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT VARIOUS SUBJECTS, WHICH WE CALLED "OTHER INFORMATION"...

EH? SABAKI-SAN?

BUT I WONDER IF IT WILL ALL GO AS PLANNED...

EXACTLY! WHICH IS WHY WE'LL ALSO PROVIDE MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO THE GUIDES TOO!

SO COMMENTS FROM THEM ON THE INTERNET CAN BE USED AS A PUBLICITY TOOL...

IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE HACKER IS HERE, AMONG US, AND THAT THEY BE PLANNING SOMETHING ...

I HEARD UGLY RUMOURS THAT "WEB THREAD" HAS BEEN HACKED BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON AND INFORMATION WAS STOLEN...

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TCH!

WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?

THE SECURITY IN OUR COMPANY IS TOP-NOTCH, SO THERE'S NO CHANCE OF HACKERS GETTING IN.

THOSE ARE RUMOURS, SABAKI-SAN ...

I RESEARCHED SNOW GOBLIN PEAKS ON THE INTERNET BEFORE COMING HERE...

AND I FOUND A VERY CREEPY STORY...

NOW'S MY CHANCE TO JOIN N THE CONVERSATION!

WHAT CASE WAS THAT?

SO, WAS THERE REALLY A STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE CASE HERE, SOME TIME AGO?

MAN, THAT WAS SCARY!

WELL, RATHER THAN CALLING IT A DISAPPEARANCE... A BETTER TITLE WOULD BE ...

WHAT? AN ENTIRE VILLAGE JUST UP AND DISAPPEARED?

IT'S ABOUT THE STORY OF A SMALL VILLAGE NEXT TO THIS RESORT, AND HOW ALL IT'S INHABITANTS VANISHED MYSTERIOUSLY. ONE DAY, THEY WERE FINE. THE NEXT DAY, POOF!

M-MASS MURDER?!

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A MASS MURDER!!!

PREPARING TO PERFORM AN OLD AND TRADITIONAL CEREMONY TO KEEP AWAY THE SNOW GOBLIN, WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE A TYPE OF "NAMAHAGE"*, WHEN THEY HEAD AN EERIE VOICE OUTSIDE...

AND ON THAT DAY, ALL OF THEM WERE IN THEIR HOMES...

IT WAS A SMALL VILLAGE, BUT SINCE THERE WAS A LOT OF HIGH-QUALITY AMBER AVAILABLE IN IT ...

ALL THE PEOPLE WERE QUITE WEALTHY ...

IT HAPPENED 50 YEARS AGO, ON THE DAY OF NEW YEAR'S EVE. THERE WAS A HEAVY BLIZZARD OUTSIDE, MUCH LIKE THIS ONE ...

T/L NOTE : A NAMAHAGE IS A TYPE OF DEMON THAT APPEARS IN JAPANESE FOLKTALES.

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SCORNS THE WEAK?

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SPREADS RUMOURS?

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS THE MOST ENVIOUS?

IT IS SAID IT WAS TOO FAST TO BE SEEN...

IT WAS THE DREADED SNOW GOBLIN, WHICH WAS MOVING AROUND THE VILLAGE ...

YES, YES COMING...

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ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SCORNS THE WEAK?

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THE SNOW GOBLIN HAD COME FOR THEM ...

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EH?!

UWAAAAAHHHHH!!!!

SOMEONE FROM THE NEXT VILLAGE BROUGH THE POLICE FROM THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS TO TAKE THE GIRL TO SAFETY...

THE NEXT DAY, WHEN THE SNOW EASED UP ...

IT SEEMS A SMALL, 12-YEAR OLD GIRL WAS THE ONLY SURVIVOR ...

THE SNOW GOBLIN WENT FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE, KILLING EVERYONE IN ITS SIGHT...

BUT THEY DIDN'T EVEN FIND A SINGLE VILLAGER, DEAD OR ALIVE...

THE POLICE SEARCHED THE ENTIRE VILLAGE, AND FOUND A LOT OF BLOODSTAINS...

BUT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT...

NO ONE KNOWS ...

T-THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE VILLAGERS?

FELL PREY TO THE MONSTROUS SNOW GOBLIN!

THE ENTIRE VILLAGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SNOW...

IT'S JUST AN URBAN LEGEND THAT SPREAD ON THE INTERNET ...

IT WAS PROBABLY A SMALL CASE THAT'S BEEN EXAGGERATED TO RIDICULOUS LENGTHS...

RIGHT, KUROKI-SAN?

KYAAA!!!!

EH?!

THE SNOW S SHOWING NO SIGNS OF STOPPING, YOU KNOW ...

OI OI, SHALL WE FOCUS ON SOME REAL WORLD PROBLEMS?

AH, I'M AFRAID NOT...

INDEED, THERE USED TO BE A VILLAGE NEAR HERE, BUT NOW...

HERE, I WILL PROVIDE EVERYONE WITH THE COTTAGE MAP...

EACH CABIN HAS THE NAMEPLATE OF THE RESIDENT ON THE FRONT DOOR ...

SO PLEASE DO NOT GET LOST ...

I THINK IT'S BEST F EVERYONE GETS BACK TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HUTS BEFORE THE SNOW GETS TOO HEAVY.

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, TSUKUMIZATO-SAN...

YES! THE CLEAN-UP IS FINALLY COMPLETE!

THANK YOU FOR YOU HELP.

NO, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING. THANK YOU, AND GOOD NIGHT!

OUR STAFF WILL DROP WHATEVER YOU NEED ON YOUR DOORSTEP.

IT IS, KUROKI. TSUBAHIKARA-SAN, IF YOU NEED ANYTHING IN YOUR COTTAGE NO. 6, DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK...

IN THAT CASE...

WOW, THAT'S EARLY! I WON'T EVEN GET 10 HOURS OF SLEEP THAT WAY. OKAY, THEN.

IT WILL BE SERVED AT 7 A.M. SHARP.

I WON'T BE NEEDING ANYTHING. WHAT TIME IS BREAKFAST TOMORROW, BY THE WAY?

KUMOSAWA-SAN, IF YOU REQUIRE ANY-THING IN YOUR COTTAGE NO. 2, PLEASE SAY THE WORD AND OUR STAFF WILL COME BY AND PROVIDE IT FOR YOU.

IN WHICH COTTAGE WILL YOU BE SLEEPING?

AH, CEO-SAN...

OKAY ...

SINCE WHEN DID SHE GET SO CHUMMY WITH H.M?

ONCE YOU FINISH YOUR WORK TOMORROW, YOU CAN RETURN BACK TO THE COTTAGES.

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SINCE THERE'S A LOT OF WINE AVAILABLE, I'M NOT SURE WHEN I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP, HAHAHAHA!

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AH, KUROKI-SAN, CHEF MATSUSHIMADA-SAN AND I WILL BE SLEEPING IN THIS COTTAGE ...

IT'S STILL SNOWING HEAVILY...

WITH A CEO LIKE THIS GUY, I'M AMAZED IT DIDN'T RUN INTO THE GROUND .

I WONDER IF "WEB THREAD" REALLY IS A ONE MAN CORPORATION ...

THANK GOD WE BROUGHT WINTER APPARE. ...

OH NO! THE SNOW HAS GOTTEN REALLY THICK OUTSIDE ...

YEAH, BUT IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS ALL NIGHT, IT'LL TURN PRETTY DANGEROUS.

YEAH, BUT YOU HAVE TO ADMIT... IT'S A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT OUTSIDE...

EH?

WHAT'S WRONG?

WHO IS THAT, OUTSIDE ...

HMM...

W-WHAT ...?

N-NO! IT CAN'T BE!!

W-WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?!

S-STAY AWAY FROM ME!!!

P-PLEASE! S-STAY AWA...

NOOOOOOOO!!!

THE SNOW CONTINUED TO FALL UNDISTURBED,
AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.

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NOBODY HAD ANY IDEA ABOUT THE STRANGE OCCURENCES OF THE NIGHT... AND AS THE MORNING DRAWS NEARER...

PHEEW!!! IT'S TIME TO GO TO SLEEP, I THINK ...

MAN, IT'S SO TROUBLESOME BEING THE CEO OF A ONE MAN CORPORATION!

I'D BETTER START THE PREPARATIONS FOR BREAK-FAST.

I'LL JUST HAVE A SMALL DRINK NOW. LOOK AT THE TIME, IT'S NEARLY 4'O CLOCK...

AH, CHEF MATSUSHIMADA-SAN, YOU SHOULD GO GET SOME SLEEP AS WELL.

NO, IT'S ALRIGHT, SECRETARY-SAN...

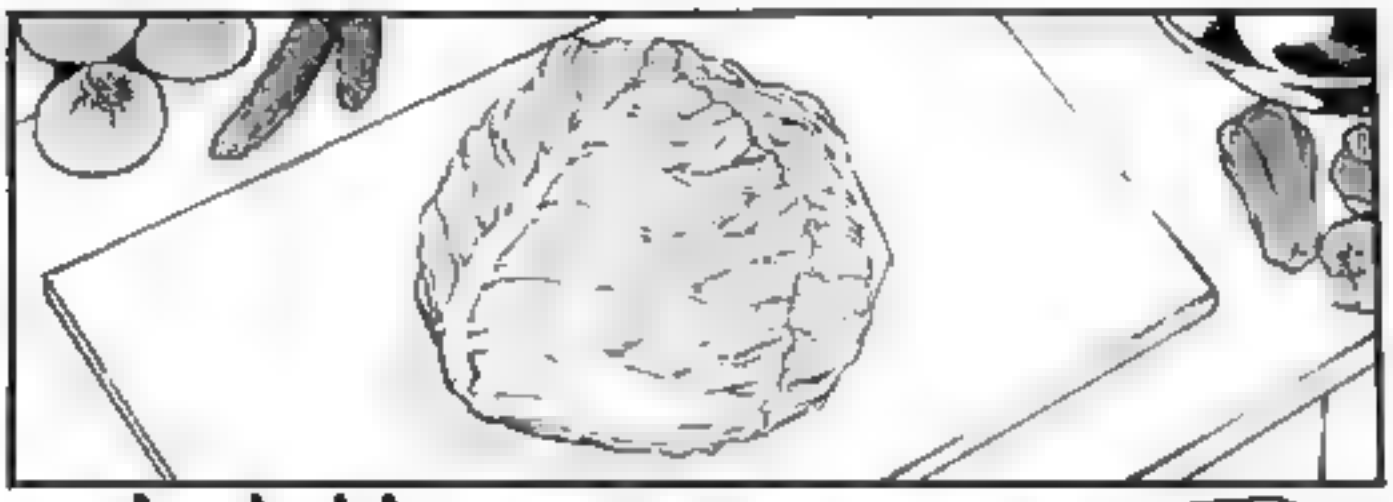
SURE THING!

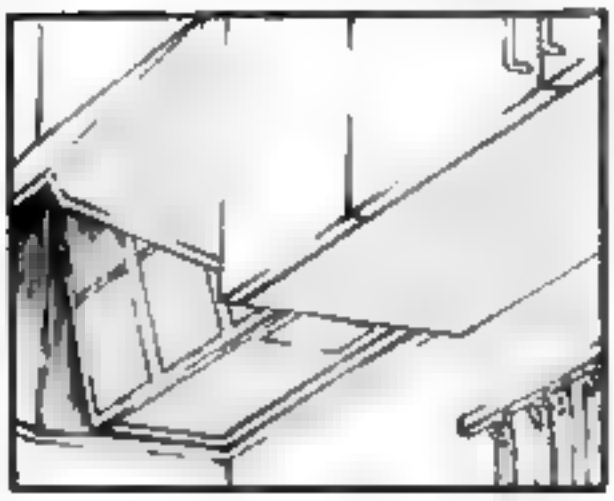
BUT I TH NK I'LL TAKE A 10-MINUTE NAP ON THE COUCH, F RST ...

PLEASE TRY TO FIN SH MAKING THE FOOD BEFORE WE CALL THE OTHERS.

I'LL HAVE TO CHECK THE EQUIPMENT AND WAKE THE WORKERS UP SOON ...

VERY WELL. YOU CAN CATCH UP ON SLEEP IN THE TIME BETWEEN BREAKFAST AND LUNCH...





ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SCORNS THE WEAK?

SURE.

PLEASE SET THE COFFEE DOWN HERE.

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GOOD MORNING!

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DAMMIT, I'VE BEEN UP SINCE 5AM. I DIDN'T KNOW IT'D BE SUCH A TIGHT SCHEDULE!

IF YOU JUST HAVE THE RIGHT ATTITUDE, YOU CAN LEARN IT IN NO TIME!

SURE THING, ONODERA-SAN ...

I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SKI AS WELL AS YOU!

AH, TAKAYAMA-SAN. YOU LOOK VERY FRESH. PLEASE TEACH ME THE BASICS OF SKIING...

I WONDER WHAT ELSE IS IN STORE ...

OOH, I SEE A SMALL CLIQUE HAS ALREADY BEEN FORMED. THIS GUY SEEMS TO OOZE NEGATIVE AURA ...

I'LL PASS ...

DO YOU WANT TO COME ALONG, SABAKI-KUN?

I THINK IT MIGHT BE BETTER IF WE JUST SKIED NEAR THE COTTAGE TILL LUNCH AND THEN SEE IF THE BAD WEATHER ABATES ...

EH? ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP? I THINK THE WEATHER IS TOO BAD FOR THAT...

WE COULD TAKE THE CABLE CAR, YOU KNOW. JUST THE TWO OF US...

BENIKO-CHAN, SHALL WE GO UP TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN?

HELLO ...

HE THINKS HE'S SO GOOD JUST BECAUSE HE'S A STUDENT OF THE KYOUTOU UNIVERSITY!

THAT LITTLE SHIT, HIIRAGI ..

GOOD IDEA, BENIKO-CHAN!

BASTARD... WHEN THE OTHERS ALL GOT UP AT HALF-PAST SIX...

YOU WERE STILL ON THE COUCH, DROOLING.

STUPID RICH BOY.

I HOPE ALL OF YOU HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S REST?

GOOD MORNING!

SO IF EVERYONE IS HERE, LET'S START EATING.

SPECIAL DISHES EXCLUSIVE TO HIS HOMETOWN!

FOR BREAKFAST, OUR CHEF, MATSUSHIMADA-SAN HAS PREPARED ...

IS THAT SO? WELL, KINDAIN!!

IT'S KINDAICHI HAJIME!

AH, YES YES, KINDAICHI-KUN ...

AH, CEO-SAN... KUMOSAWA NATSUKI-SAN IS YET TO ARRIVE ...

EH?

I TRIED TO CALL HER COTTAGE MANY TIMES, BUT...

TAKE THIS, KINDAICHI-KUN...

IT'S A MAP OF ALL THE COTTAGES...

PLEASE GO TO KUMOSAWA-SAN'S COTTAGE AND WAKE HER UP.

OKAY, SURE!

AH, YES ...

THANK YOU. HMM, YES I GET IT. IT'S NOT TOO DIFFICULT!

YOU MIGHT EASILY GET LOST IF YOU DON'T HAVE THIS WITH YOU.

SINCE THE ROADS ARE BLOCKED BY THE SNOW...

SO FIRST ...

I'LL BE OFF, THEN...

RIGHT OVER THERE!

THAT WOULD BE THE ONE ...

HMM, SAYS HERE THAT KUMOSAWA-SAN'S COTTAGE IS NO. 2...

WOW, THERE'S A LOT OF SNOW OUTSIDE THE COTTAGE. I DON'T SEE ANY FOOTPRINTS OUTSIDE EITHER. I GUESS SHE'S STILL IN THERE.

EH? THE COTTAGE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON. I CAN SEE THEM THROUGH THE WINDOW ON THE RIGHT SIDE ...

THIS PLACE ...

KUMOSAWA NATSUKI

HUUH?

SO TOUGH TO WALK OVER HERE!

UFF...

UFF...

YOUR FRONT DOOR IS OPEN...

H-HEY, KUMOSAWA -SAN...

E-EH?

THE DOOR S OPEN?

GOOD MORN NG, KUMOSAWA- SAN...

IT'S TIME FOR BREAK- FAST!

STRANGE ...

THERE ARE SIGNS OF THE COTTAGE BEING USED...

BUT THERE'S NO TRACE OF HER ANYWHERE ...

KUMOSAWA- SAN??

I WONDER IF SHE WENT FOR A NIGHT-TIME WALK OR SOMETHING ...

BUT IT WAS TOO WINDY LAST NIGHT, IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN SAFE...

AND I CAN'T SEE FOOTPRINTS LEADING OUT OF THE DOOR, EITHER, SO...

I CAN'T FIND HER BAGS, EITHER...

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THIS IS TOO WEIRD ...

I'D BETTER INFORM KUROKI-SAN THROUGH THE INTERCOM IN THE ROOM!

IT'S TRUE, KUROKI-SAN, TSUKUMIZATO -SAN!

LOOK! THERE'S NO TRACE OF HER OR HER POSSESSIONS! HER LUGGAGE, HANDBAG, AND EVEN HER CLOTHES ARE MISSING!

WHAT? YOU'RE SAYING THAT KUMOSAWA-SAN IS MISSING FROM THE COTTAGE?

B-BUT HOW ...

IT LOOKS LIKE SHE FLED IN A HURRY.

AS WELL AS THE JACKET SHE WAS WEARING YESTERDAY...

HER SOCKS AND HER UNDERWEAR ARE STILL HERE...

Y-YES, BUT LOOK HERE ...

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FLED IN A HURRY? FROM WHAT?

OR FROM WHOM?

LET'S GO SEE IF HER SKIS ARE THERE OR NOT...

IF SHE REALLY LEFT, SHE WOULD HAVE NEEDED HER SKIS, RIGHT?

WHAT ABOUT HER SKIS?

WAIT A MINUTE...

T-THIS...

EHH?!

MAYBE SOMEONE HAS HIDDEN THE SKIS SOMEWHERE??

B-BUT WHY?

BUT ALL OF OUR SKIS ARE MISSING!

N-NOT JUST KUMOSAWA-SAN'S SKIS ...

YES, SIR! I'LL CONTACT THEM BY RADIO!

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THE SNOW HAS SUBSIDED, SO THE HELICOPTER WILL BE ABLE TO FLY, I THINK.

KUROKI-SAN! CALL FOR A HELICOPTER AT ONCE AND ASK THEM TO PROVIDE MORE SKIS FOR THE GUESTS...

A-AH, DON'T WORRY. THE CEO HAS ASKED FOR REPLACEMENT SKIS TO BE BROUGHT IN VIA HELICOPTER.

SO THIS IS WHAT SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT..

THEN HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SKI LATER TODAY?

IS IT TRUE THAT ALL THE SKIS HAVE GONE MISSING?

HEY, HEY NANASE-CHAN!

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AH, I SEE! IF THERE'S A HELICOPTER ...

IT CAN SURELY TRAVERSE THESE SNOWY MOUNTAIN SLOPES!

EH?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

I'M VERY SORRY, EVERYONE! WE WERE NOT ABLE TO CALL THE HELICOPTER FROM HERE.

WE HAD 3 RADIOS WITH US, BUT NONE OF THEM ARE WORKING...

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AH, KUROKI-SAN! WHAT ABOUT THAT HELICOPTER, THEN?

CEO-SAN, THE THING IS...

IT CAN'T BE?!

AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE SKIS TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN!!

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THE CABLE CAR WHICH WE USED TO COME UP IS TOO OLD AND UNSTABLE...

SO IT IS NOT SAFE TO USE IN SUCH BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS ...

CEO-SAN ...

THAT IS NOT THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM...

SO WE'LL BE FINE EVEN IF WE ARE STUCK HERE FOR AN ENTIRE WEEK!

PLEASE, FREE YOUR MIND OF WORRIES.. WE HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES HERE, INCLUDING FOOD, ELECTRICITY AND FUEL...

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ALL THE BLAME WILL FALL ON YOU, THE MANAGER OF THIS RESORT!

IF SHE ISN'T FOUND BEFORE WE ALL LEAVE THIS PLACE...

WE NEED FIND KUMOSAWA-SAN, WHO IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND. FOR THAT, WE NEED THE HELP OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE AROUND THESE PEAKS...

I NEED TO GO TO SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE IS INTERNET AND POST ALL MY FINDINGS ONLINE! I'M GOING TO BE FAMOUS, KHHHH!!!

THE BAFFLING MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MIDDLE-SCHOOL GIRL! YES, YES...

COULD IT BE RELATED TO THE CURSE OF THE VILLAGE? THE DARK SLAUGHTER OF AN ENTIRE VILLAGE ALL THOSE YEARS AGO? COULD IT BE??

YES, FINALLY! FINALLY, A REAL, MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE CASE!!!

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BESIDES, WHETHER IT IS A CURSE OR A SLAUGHTER ...

IF YOU PUBLISH ANYTHING THAT IS INACCURATE, YOU MAY BE ACCUSED OF LIBEL* IN THE FUTURE ..

W-WAIT A MINUTE, SABAKI-KUN!

DON'T GO ON SPOUTING NONSENSE LIKE THAT! UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY OF THE SITUATION WE ARE IN!!!

*T/L NOTE : LIBEL IS ANYTHING THAT IS INCORRECTLY PRINTED, WHICH HARMS A PERSON'S REPUTATION.

TCH! DAMN THESE GUYS ...

LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO PUNCH A LOT OF GUYS IN HERE ..

BY THE WAY, NONE OF US HAVE EATEN BREAKFAST YET ...

AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT KUMOSAWA-SAN HAS VANISHED...

KUROKI-SAN ...

EH?

SOMETHING SERIOUS HAS HAPPENED TO KUMOSAWA-SAN. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!

BUT I THINK...

I THINK I AGREE WITH HIM. THIS LOOKS VERY SERIOUS...

TAKAYAMA-SAN!

I NOTICED THAT THE HEATER WAS ON, BUT STILL THE BEDSHEETS WERE COLD...

THE ONLY VALID EXPLANATION FOR THIS IS THAT KUMOSAWA-SAN WENT OUT OF HER ROOM SOMETIME IN THE NIGHT, AND SHE NEVER RETURNED TO HER ROOM.

ALSO, THE BEDSHEETS WERE NOT WARM...

WHEN I WENT INTO HER ROOM TO WAKE HER UP, HER BED AND THE BEDSHEETS WERE ALL MESSED UP AND AWRY ..

IF ANY OF US DARES TO STEP OUTSIDE OUR COTTAGE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, EVEN WHILE WEARING WARM CLOTHES ...

AND I'VE HEARD THAT IT CAN GO DOWN TO MINUS 20 DEGREES CELSIUS AT NIGHT...

I CHECKED THE THERMOMETER IN MY ROOM EARLIER, AND SAW THAT THE TEMPERATURE RIGHT NOW IS MINUS 10 DEGREES CELSIUS...

WE WILL SURELY FREEZE TO DEATH!

IF SHE REALLY DID COMMIT SUICIDE, WHEN COULD SHE HAVE DONE IT?

HAJIME-CHAN?

NO, THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

EH?

S-SO, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SHE MIGHT'VE COMMITTED SUICIDE??

WE LEFT A WHOLE LOT OF FOOTPRINTS BEHIND IN THE SNOW...

BOTH YOU AND MIYUKI SAW IT, RIGHT? WHEN WE WALKED BACK TO OUR COTTAGES LATE LAST NIGHT...

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOOT-PRINTS OUTSIDE HER DOOR...

SHE COULD HAVE GONE SECRETLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, RIGHT?

W-WELL ...

SINCE HER LUGGAGE ISN'T IN HER ROOM ...

BUT WHAT IF SHE CLIMBED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN WITHOUT EVER GOING BACK TO THE COTTAGE?

SO THAT MEANS, SHE WENT OUT BEFORE MIDNIGHT. AT THAT TIME, THE SNOW WAS STILL FALLING THICK AND FAST, SO IT WIPED HER FOOTPRINTS CLEAN!

BUT I DID NOT SEE EVEN A SINGLE FOOT-PRINT LEADING OUT OF THE DOOR OF KUMOSAWA-SAN...

KUMOSAWA-SAN, IF YOU REQUIRE ANY-THING, PLEASE SAY THE WORD, AND OUR STAFF WILL PROVIDE IT!

NO, AM FINE. WHEN IS BREAK-FAST, BY THE WAY?

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YOU SPOKE TO KUMOSAWA-SAN THROUGH THE INTERCOM!

NO, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE EITHER...

BUT DON'T YOU REMEMBER, KUROK-SAN? LAST NIGHT, BEFORE WE LEFT THE MAIN LODGE...

SO TO PUT THE EVENTS IN ORDER...

AND SHE DIDN'T SOUND ANXIOUS OR STRANGE AT ALL AT THAT TIME...

A-AH, YES! YOU ARE RIGHT, KINDAICHI-KUN!

SO, BETWEEN 11 P.M AND MIDNIGHT, SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO KUMOSAWA-SAN IN HER CABIN...

AND SHE WAS CONTACTED AT 11 P.M BY KUROKI-SAN OVER THE INTERCOM. WE KNOW THAT THE SNOW STOPPED AROUND MIDNIGHT ...

KUMOSAWA-SAN WENT BACK TO HER COTTAGE AT 9 P.M ALONG WITH THE OTHER GUESTS...

AND IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE, SHE DISAPPEARED, ALONG WITH ALL OF HER POSSESSIONS.

SOME WAY THAT SHE COULD'VE LEFT WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND FOOTPRINTS AT A LATER TIME!

NO, THERE HAS TO BE A WAY!

THEN, SHE REALLY DISAPP-EARED?

N-NO WAY...

THAT SHE FELL PREY TO "THAT"?

COULD IT BE POSSIBLE ...

EH??

SO, KUMOSAWA-SAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY IT, AND SHE FELL PREY...

YOU HEARD IT TOO, DIDN'T YOU? MANY YEARS AGO, THE VILLAGERS HERE WERE ALL SLAUGHTERED ...

BY THE SNOW GOBLIN ...

HEY, IT COULD HAVE BEEN, RIGHT?

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AND WE WERE TRAINED TO WELCOME THE SIX GUESTS WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE...

IT WAS BEING FINANCED BY A COMPUTER ORGANISATION CALLED "WEB THREAD" ...

MIYUKI AND I WERE ASKED TO JOIN AS GUIDES FOR A SKI RESORT ON TOP OF SNOW GOBLIN PEAKS ...

THE NEXT DAY, ONE OF THE GUESTS, KUMOSAWA NATSUKI, A HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT...

MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED FROM A CABIN SURROUNDED ON ALL FOUR SIDES BY SNOW...

WE FOUND NO TRACE OF HER, HER FOOTPRINTS, OR ANY OF HER BELONGINGS...

WHERE IS THE MISSING GIRL??

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KUMOSAWA-SAN!!!

HEY!!!

KUMOSAWA-SAN, PLEASE ANSWER IF YOU HEAR ME!!!

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BUT THE SNOW WAS NOT VERY HEAVY LAST NIGHT, SO I DON'T THINK SHE HAD AN ACCIDENT...

WE CAN'T FIND HER ANYWHERE ...

KUROKI MAMORU (27)

SECRETARY

ANY NEWS, KUROKI-SAN?

I'M AFRAID NOT, CEO-SAN...

DID YOU FIND ANYTHING, HAJIME-CHAN?

NO, BUT ...

OH NO ...

WE COULD'VE GONE DOWN THE MOUNTAIN FOR HELP!

DAMN IT! IF WE ONLY HAD OUR SKIS ...

TAKAYAMA TSUBASA (32)

PROFESISONAL SKIER

I ALSO NOTICED IN THE MORNING THAT THERE WERE NO FOOT-PRINTS LEADING OUT OF HER FRONT DOOR ...

IT'S AS IF SHE DISAPPEARED LIKE SMOKE.

HOW MANY EVER TIMES I TRIED, I COULDN'T FIND A SIGN OF ANYONE HAVING COME IN OR GONE OUT OF HER COTTAGE...

I'D RESEARCHED THE MASSACRE THAT TOOK PLACE 50 YEARS AGO BEFORE I CAME HERE ...

SINCE I KNEW THERE WOULD BE NO INTERNET, I KEPT A COPY OF IT ON MY CELL-PHONE...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SABAK-SAN?

SABAKI KAITO (27)

INTERNET NERD

MAYBE SHE WAS REALLY PREYED UPON...

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BY THE LEGENDARY SNOW GOB..N!

THERE WERE ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER FOOTPRINTS TO BE SEEN!

APART FROM THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE GIRL WHOM THEY RESCUED...

WHEN THE POLICE WENT TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME ...

IT'S VERY INTERESTING, YOU KNOW...

N-NO OTHER FOOTPRINTS?!

IT'S EERILY SIMILAR TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA-SAN, IS IT NOT?

WHEN THEY WALKED UP TO THE VILLAGE, THEY COULD FIND THE GIRL'S FOOTPRINTS ALL RIGHT ...

BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF THE VILLAGER'S BODIES OR THEIR FOOTPRINTS ...

THAT'S RIGHT. IT SAYS HERE ON THIS ARTICLE...

THE DAY AFTER THE VILLAGERS WERE KILLED, THE SNOW HAD STOPPED ...

THE POLICE HAD BEEN CALLED BY THE NEIGHBOURING VILLAGE, AND THEY CAME TO SAVE A GIRL WHO WAS THE LONE SURVIVOR ...

ALRIGHT, KUROKI-SAN.

LET'S TAKE A BREAK BEFORE WE RESUME THE SEARCH...

LUNCH WILL BE READY SOON.

ANYWAY, I THINK THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH ...

ALL THOSE ARE JUST RUMOURS, SABAKI-SAN!

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IT STILL HAS THE CURSE OF THE SNOW GOBLIN?

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UGH ...

SO, IF THE MASSACRE HAPPENED AROUND THIS PLACE, SO DOES IT MEAN ...

EH?

I DOUBT IT ...

HEY, HAJIME-CHAN, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

THE KILLINGS 50 YEARS AGO, AND NOW THE SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA-SAN...

MAYBE THEY HAVE SOME CONNECTION ...

IT SEEMS TOO FAR-FETCHED TO ME!

AND ON TOP OF IT BEING CONNECTED TO KUMOSAWA-SAN'S DISAPPEARANCE WITHOUT LEAVING ANY FOOTPRINTS BEHIND...

BUT THE RUMOURS OF A SNOW GOBLIN ARE IN NO WAY BELIEVABLE...

NEITHER ARE THE ALLEGED REPORTS OF THE BODIES OF THE VILLAGERS MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARING...

MAYBE THERE WAS A VILLAGE AROUND THESE PARTS...

EH? WRONG WAY?

WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS IN THE WRONG WAY?

I WONDER IF...

SO THAT WE WOULD DRAW SIMILARITIES BETWEEN IT AND THE BLOODY CASE THAT TOOK PLACE FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THE HEART OF THESE SNOWY PEAKS?

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WHAT IF SOMEONE ENGINEERED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA-SAN AS AN IMITATION?

BUT WERE THEY REALLY PREYED UPON BY THE SNOW GOBLIN?

ALL THE VILLAGERS WERE KILLED...

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, MIYUKI!

AH, THEN PLEASE BRING IT!

B-BUT ...

Y-YES, THE CAKES WHICH WE HAVE KEPT FOR DESSERT ...

AH, I DON'T HAVE AN APPETITE FOR ALL THIS...

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING SWEET I CAN EAT?

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YOU'RE GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF WOMEN, CEO-SAN!

IT'S OKAY, CHEF MATSUSHIMADA-SAN. YOU CAN SERVE IT TO HER.

WELL, IT'S ALL OVER THE INTERNET, YOU KNOW...

THE CAREFREE BEHAVIOUR OF TSUKUMIZATO HIKARU, THE CEO OF THE FAMED 'WEB THREAD' ...

EH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SABAKI-SAN?

M-MIND YOUR TONGUE, YOU DISGUSTING INTERNET LOW-LIFE!!

W-WHAT THE HELL...

LOOK, I'VE EVEN SAVED THAT ARTICLE ABOUT YOU...

HOW YOU... AH, 'ENJOY' THE COMPANY OF SEVERAL WOMEN WITH THE HELP OF YOUR UNLIMITED CASH RESOURCES ...

A-AH, I APOLOGISE FOR THAT!

W-WAIT, CEO-SAN!!

DAMN IT...

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KIHIHI, I'LL BE GOING BACK TO MY ROOM AS WELL.

I SEEM TO HAVE STRUCK A NERVE ...

I HAVE A HEADACHE ...

I'M GOING BACK TO MY CABIN.

ME TOO!

OI!!

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COME ON, LUNCH IS READY!

YEAH, WE'RE ALL DEAD HUNGRY!

GREAT!

WHAT A STUCK-UP OLD GUY ..

! APOLOGISE, SABAKI-SAN. I'LL CHECK THE MAIN POWER SOURCE IMMEDIATELY!

MAKE IT QUICK, THEN! I HAVE AN ARTICLE TO WRITE!

THE HEATER IN MY ROOM IS FAULTY!

IT WAS WORKING FINE JUST THIS MORNING! EVEN THE ELECTRICITY THE ROOMS IS NOT WORK NG!!

A-AH, YES ...

HE PROBABLY WANTS TO WRITE MEAN STUFF ABOUT OTHERS AGAIN ...

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER HAD HE NOT EVEN COME, RIGHT, NANASE-CHAN?

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KHHHH, 'M GONNA MAKE IT BIG!

OBVIOUSLY, I NEED PHOTOS, JUST A LENGTHY ARTICLE WILL NOT SUFFICE!

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PHOTO EVIDENCE, PHOTO EVIDENCE!

HMM? THIS COTTAGE...

IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT NEW... MAYBE IT WAS BUILT ON AN OLD ONE. LET ME GO CHECK ...

IN JUST A FEW DAYS, I WILL CRUSH ...

THIS DAMNED PATHETIC EXCUSE FOR A SKI RESORT!!

HEH, I AM A PROFFESS-IONAL INTERNET FLAMER*...

AND I HAVE UTTERLY DESTROYED THE CAREERS OF SEVERAL FAMOUS INDUSTRIALISTS, BUSINESSMEN, AND EVEN MOVIE STARS!!

OH YES, UP TO THE POINT WHERE THEY COMMITTED SUICIDE!!

*T/L NOTE : FLAMER : ONE WHO WRITES HATEFUL/INSULTING INFORMATION ABOUT OTHERS ON THE INTERNET.

WAIT A MINUTE. THIS MEANS...

SFX : thump!

EH?

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO IS THE MOST ENVIOUS??

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SPREADS RUMOURS??

ARE YOU THE ONE WHO SCORNS THE WEAK??

S-SNOW GOBLIN?!

SFX : CRUNCH!

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AHH, THE SNOW IS GETTING PRETTY HEAVY, RIGHT?

YEAH ...

WELL, IT DOES NOT MATTER IF WE CAN'T GO SKIING OUTSIDE, WE CAN STILL HAVE FUN INSIDE OUR CABINS ...

NOTHING TO WORRY, OUR STAFF ARE ALL HERE TO HELP!

THE GIRLS LOOK A LITTLE TENSE, DON'T YOU THINK, TAKAYAMA-SAN?

YEAH, WELL, THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED IN WAYS WE DIDN'T EXPECT ...

KUROKI-SAN, PLEASE FIT UP THE KARAOKE EQUIPMENT ...

CHEF MATSUSHIMADA-SAN, PLEASE GET OUR SNACKS READY!!

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BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU THINK THE ROOM FEELS A LITTLE STUFFY?

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KYAAA!!!

UH...

T-THE WINDOW ...

W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?

T-THAT IS ...

A BLOODY CLEAVER!!!

COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO DIDN'T ANSWER ON THE INTERCOM WHEN I ANNOUNCED THAT DINNER WAS READY ...

CRAP! LET'S GO SEARCH FOR HIM!!

H-HEY, WAIT A MINUTE... WHERE IS SABAKI-SAN?

KYAAA!!!!

COME QUICK! OVER HERE, NEAR THE BACK ...

EH?!

HE'S NOT IN HIS CABIN...

T-THEN WHERE DID HE GO?

SABAKI-SAN!!!

HEEEY!!! SABAKI-SAN!!!

IT LOOKS LIKE... BLOOD?!

!?

THAT ONE? WE JUST USE IT FOR STORAGE ...

YOU COULD SAY THAT THIS HUT IS HISTORIC...

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING WAS DRAGGED THROUGH THE SNOW HERE!!

THAT HUT OVER THERE ...

WHAT IS IT, KUROKI-SAN?

EH? ?

HEY... WHAT IS THAT LARGE BOX OVER THERE?

THERE'S NO LANTERN EITHER...

IT'S SO DARK...

COFFINS.

THESE ARE ...

THIS IS WHAT YOU CALLED HISTORIC?

SO UNTIL THEIR CORPSES COULD BE TAKEN DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, THEY WERE KEPT IN THESE COFFINS TEMPORARILY ...

A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE DIED IN THE SNOW NEAR THE PEAKS ...

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WHAT?? C-COFFINS??

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EH? ALL THE COFFINS SHOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT IN THEIR NICHES ...

WHY S THIS ONE ON THE GROUND?

WHAT IS IT, KUROKI-SAN??

U-UWAAAHH!!!

AS WE LOOKED INTO THE OLD AND CRUMBLING COFFIN...

UGH!!!

THE THING INSIDE IT LOOKED BACK AT US...

IT WAS THE CORPSE OF KAITO SABAKI, LYING ON ITS BACK AND COVERED IN BLOOD...

DEAD FROM A VERY GRUESOME INJURY TO THE HEAD, NO DOUBT CAUSED BY THE MEAT CLEAVER.

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UWAAAHH!!!

AND THEN, ONCE AGAIN BEFORE US, TRAGEDY STRUCK...

COULD THEY HAVE BEEN PREYED UPON BY THE SNOW GOBLIN?!?!

KUMOSAWA NATSUKI MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE...

THEN ON THE FIRST NIGHT OF STAY, ONE OF THE FIVE GUESTS...

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N-NO WAY ...

S-SABAKI-SAN!!!

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H-H'S HEAD IS SPLIT OPEN ...!

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DAMN ...

ALMOST BARBARIC ...

K-KYAA!!

KAGEHIRA-CHAN, DON'T COME IN HERE!!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON, HERE?

KUROKI-SAN, HELP ME PUT THIS CRATE BACK INSIDE ...

E-EH? Y-YES ...

Y-YES ...

CALM DOWN, KAGEHIRA-CHAN ...

O-OH MY GOD!! SO MUCH BLOOD!!

I-IS THAT SABAKI-SAN?! WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE?!

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Y-YES, OF COURSE!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS HORRIFIC THING ANYMORE! LET'S PUT THAT CRATE BACK INTO ITS NICHE!!

ALRIGHT!

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H-HAJIME-CHAN...

LET'S GO BACK TO THE COTTAGE AND WARM OURSELVES ...

WE'LL LEAVE IT LIKE THIS TILL THE POLICE ARRIVE...

EVERYBODY, PLEASE CALM YOURSELVES ...

THE NEAREST VILLAGE IS 20KM BELOW THIS PEAK ...

IF WE HAD OUR SKIS, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY, BUT WALKING DOWN THE PEAK IN TH S SNOW IS TANTAMOUNT TO SUICIDE!

I-IS THERE REALLY NO WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE??

THERE ISN'T, HIRAGI-KUN...

I'M STARTING TO GET SERIOUSLY FREAKED OUT HERE... I NEVER THOUGHT THERE'D BE AN ACTUAL MURDER...!

W-WOULDN'T IT BE SAFE TO ASSUME THAT NATSUKI-SAN HAS MET THE SAME FATE AS WELL...?

S-SINCE NOW WE KNOW THAT SABAKI-SAN HAS BEEN KILLED ...

W-WHAT F IT'S LIKE TH S...

N-NO WAY ...

A SERIAL KILLER!!

T-THEN THAT MEANS... WE HAVE A KILLER ROAMING AROUND HERE... WHO HAS KILLED 2 PEOPLE ALREADY ...

EH?!

WHO SAYS THE KILLER HAS TO BE HUMAN?

ROAMING AROUND IN THE FREEZING WEATHER OF -10 DEGREES CELSIUS...

A NORMAL HUMAN COULD NEVER HOPE TO WITHSTAND SUCH TEMPERATURES ...

A CLEAVER, FULLY COVERED IN BLOOD WAS THROWN AT US, WHEN WE WERE ALL PRESENT ...

THAT MEANS THERE IS SOMEONE OTHER THAN US, OUTSIDE THESE CABINS ...

ONODERA-SAN??

YOU ALL SAW IT TOO, RIGHT?

BUT WHAT IF IT WAS NOT A NORMAL HUMAN WHICH WAS OUT THERE IN THE SNOW...

WHAT IF THOSE TWO UNFORTUNATE PEOPLE WERE PREYED UPON ...

BY THE SNOW GOBLIN??

...

THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS SNOW GOBLINS, ONODERA-SAN ...

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THIS WAS THE WORK OF A HUMAN CRIMINAL...

YOU'RE ONLY BUILDING ON OLD WIVES TALES WITHOUT ANY SOLD EVIDENCE ...

WITH THEIR POWERS, THEY CAN PREY ON ANYONE AND NOT LEAVE BEHIND EVEN A SINGLE TRACE ...

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? DO NOT ANGER THE SNOW GOBLIN LIKE THAT. THEY ARE MOUNTAIN GODS WHO MUST BE RESPECTED ...

THEN WHY WAS SABAKI-SAN'S CORPSE LEFT BEHIND?

AFTER IT KILLS, IT ALWAYS TAKES THE CORPSE WITH IT...

YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE SNOW GOBLIN TOO, RIGHT?

TELL ME, DID THE SNOW GOBLIN HIDE THE SKIS? WHY DID IT STEAL ALL OF KUMOSAWA-SAN'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS?

AND NEITHER WAS THE MISSING KUMOSAWA-SAN!!

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NOT ALL OF US WERE IN THE ROOM! SABAKI-SAN WASN'T THERE ...

T-THAT'S NOT TRUE ...!

EH?!

THEN WHO DID IT?

WHEN THAT CLEAVER WAS THROWN, ALL OF US WERE PRESENT IN THE ROOM...

AND HIS FACE HAD ALREADY TURNED BLUE!

H-HE HAS TO BE...

HIS HEAD WAS COVERED IN BLOOD...

DO WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT HE'S DEAD?

B-BUT SABAKI-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO GOT KILLED!

THAT GUY WANTED TO DESTROY THIS SKI RESORT FROM THE MOMENT HE STEPPED FOOT IN HERE! HE'D EVEN RESEARCHED ON-ONE ABOUT IT...

SO HE WENT AHEAD AND CONSTRUCED AN ELABORATE DRAMA LIKE THIS TO FORCE PEOPLE AWAY FROM HERE, THAT MUST BE IT!!

TO RUIN THIS PROJECT, OF COURSE...!

IT COULD HAVE ALL BEEN MAKEUP! THAT BASTARD WAS CERTAINLY CAPABLE OF SUCH DIRTY STUFF!!

B-BUT WHY...

THE GUESTS WERE CHOSEN AT RANDOM BY A SPECIAL COMPUTER PROGRAM, BUT ...

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, TAKAYAMA-SAN ...

Y-YES ...

BUT HOW COULD HE HAVE PLANNED IT? WE WERE ALL PICKED AT RANDOM, RIGHT?

A-AH, I'LL COME TOO!

CRAP! I'M GOING TO GO CHECK ON HIS BODY AGA N! PLEASE COME WITH ME, KUROKI-SAN!!

AND F THAT HACKER WAS SABAKI-SAN, THEN...

WE HAD A SUSPICION THAT SOMEONE HAD HACKED N TO THE SYSTEM AND TAMPERED WITH IT DURING THE SELECTION PROCESS ...

HERE IT IS!!

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HEAVE HO!

I-IT'S GONE !!!

T-THE CORPSE OF SABAKI-SAN...

CRAP!! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE??

M-MAYBE IT WAS TAKEN BY THE SNOW GOBLIN??

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W-WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ...?

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WHAT IF SABAKI AND KUMOSAWA ARE...

ACCOMPLICES ??

WAIT A MINUTE ...

WHY S ALL THIS WEIRD STUFF HAPPE-NING NOW??

NICE ONE, KUROKI-SAN!

IN THAT CASE, HE'S PROBABLY HIDING IN HIS ROOM!!

T-THAT ...

THAT COULD BE RIGHT!

SABAKI

COME ON, LET'S ALL GO TO HIS ROOM!!

IT'S A GIRL'S HAIRCLIP! BUT WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?

OBVIOUSLY, IT'S NOT SABAKI'S. SO IT'S GOT TO BE KUMOSAWA'S !!

CEO-SAN, LOOK AT THIS!

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THERE'S NOTH NG HELPFUL IN HERE...

NO, THERE HAS TO BE SOMETHING! LET'S GO OVER IT AGAIN.

TO DESTROY THE SKI RESORT BY SPREADING THE LEGEND OF THE SNOW GOB..N!

WHICH PROVES THAT THEY DID PLAN THE ENTIRE TH NG ...

TH S S CRUCIAL EVIDENCE ...

THEN THAT PROVES THEY WERE IN HERE TOGETHER...

AT FIRST GLANCE, THIS THEORY SEEMS ACCURATE, AND IT COULD BE AS THEY SAY...

WHAT IS THIS...?

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WE HAVE TO SIT AND TH NK ABOUT WHAT TO DO NEXT!

C-CALM DOWN, CEO-SAN...!

IF I GET MY HANDS ON THEM, I'LL KI.. THEM MYSELF!!

DAMMIT! THEN IT WAS THOSE 2 WHO THREW THAT CLEAVER AT US ALL!!

THAT HE WAS DEAD ...

AND I'M PRETTY SURE...

AND THEN SAW SABAKI-SAN MYSELF ...

WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND FOOT-PRINTS?

BUT... HOW DID KUMOSAWA -SAN GO OUT OF THE HUT ..

IT VANISHED FROM THE CRATE IT WAS IN!!

BUT IN THE SPACE OF TWENTY MINUTES FROM WHEN WE FOUND HIS CORPSE .

IMPOSSIBLE ...

COULD IT REALLY BE THE WORK OF THE SNOW GOBLIN??

MAYBE THEY WERE PREYED UPON, BY THE SNOW GOBLIN!!

I'D HAVE GOTTEN AWAY FROM HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ...

IF IT WAS ME WHO HAD SEEN THE BODY ...

SHE DID SEE A BLOODY DEAD BODY, YOU KNOW ...

LOOKS LIKE KAGEHIRA-CHAN HAS LOST ALL HER ENTHUSIASM ...

OKAY ...

LET'S THINK BACK TO THE TIME WHEN SABAKI-SAN WAS KILLED...

E-EH? SURE ...

I'M GOING TO TRY AND MAKE SOME SENSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR.. WOULD YOU LIKE TO LISTEN TO IT?

HEY MIYUKI ...

AND SECOND, THE MYSTERY OF WHO MOVED SABAKI-SAN'S CORPSE FROM THE CRATE...

FIRST, THE MYSTERY OF WHO THREW THE BLOODY CLEAVER AT US THROUGH THE WINDOW ...

AT THAT TIME, THERE WERE TWO MYSTERIES, AND BOTH OF THEM WERE PROBABLY INTERCONNECTED ...

YEAH, I THOUGHT THE SAME ...

I AGREE THAT NOBODY COULD HAVE CARRIED THE CORPSE AT THAT TIME...

BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE MYSTERY OF THE CLEAVER. I THINK IT CAN BE DONE EVEN IF THE CULPRIT WAS IN THE ROOM WITH ALL OF US!

AND ALSO, WHEN WE FOUND SABAKI-SAN'S CORPSE, ALL OF US WENT BACK TO THE COTTAGE TOGETHER, ...

SO IF ANYONE HAD MOVED THE CORPSE THEN, WE'D HAVE SEEN THEM ...

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF US COULD BE THE KILLER, RIGHT ...?

BECAUSE WE WERE ALL IN THE ROOM WHEN THE CLEAVER CAME FLYING ...

I'LL SHOW YOU. LET'S GO OUTSIDE A BIT ONCE WE FINISH CLEANING THIS ROOM...

YEAH, OKAY ...

E-EH?! HOW IS THAT??

SO IT WAS AROUND HERE, ...

FROM WHERE THE CLEAVER WAS THROWN, RIGHT?

COULD IT BE?!

WAIT A SEC... IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, THEN THE CLEAVER CAME FLYING RIGHT AFTER...

THE SNOW FELL FROM THE ROOF, EH?

THAT'S PRETTY DANGER-OUS, YOU KNOW!!

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KYAA!!

O-OKAY !!

MIYUKI, HELP ME DIG HERE!!

HAJIME-CHAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING??

JUST AS I THOUGHT ...

IT'S ONE OF THE BUCKETS FROM THE VILLAGE THAT USED TO BE AROUND HERE, I BET ...

EHH? AN OLD, WOODEN BUCKET??

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IT'S GOT TO BE HERE ...

THERE HAS TO BE ONE MORE THING ...

NO... THE BUCKET IS NOT THE ONLY THING THAT HAS BEEN BURIED HERE ...

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AND NEAR IT, A LARGE STONE!!!

AHA! JUST AS I THOUGHT !!!

AN OLD WOODEN BOARD...

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SO IF I JUST TAKE IT OUT, AND REARRANGE IT LIKE THIS ...

JUST LIKE A TYPICAL SEE-SAW SHAPE!!!

I'VE PLACED A BLOCK OF SNOW IN PLACE OF THAT...

ON THE OTHER SIDE, LET'S PUT THIS BUCKET FULL OF SNOW ...

THIS IS THE SIDE WHERE THE BLOODY CLEAVER WAS PLACED...

YOU MUST HAVE SEEN IT AT A CIRCUS WHERE A LONE ACROBAT JUST STANDS ON ONE SIDE, AND WHEN ANOTHER ONE JUMPS DOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE FIRST ONE IS SENT FLYING ...

IT'S THE SAME CONCEPT ...

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE WOODEN CABIN BECOMES EVEN WARMER, AND THE SNOW ON THE ROOF THEN STARTS TO MELT ...

THEN, WHEN EVERYONE HAS GATHERED IN THE COTTAGE ...

WHICH MAKES IT FALL DOWN IN THE BUCKET LIKE THIS, AND BECAUSE OF THAT...

THE CULPRIT DELIBERATELY RAISES THE ROOM TEMPERATURE...

G-GREAT, HAJIME-CHAN!! THIS WAY, THE CULPRIT COULD MAKE IT FLY INTO THE ROOM WITHOUT PHYSICALLY BEING THERE!!

CORRECT ...

AH!!

Crash!!!

BY MAKING IT LOOK AS IF SOMEONE ELSE THREW THE CLEAVER, HE GOT HIMSELF A SAFE ALIBI...

USING THAT, HE DESIGNED THIS DARING TRICK ...

THE CULPRIT KNEW THAT CHANGING THE TEMPERATURE OF THE ROOM COULD MAKE THE SNOW MELT ...

BUT BECAUSE OF A DIRTY HUMAN BEING, WITH THE MIND OF THE DEVIL!!

THAT THIS CASE WAS NOT BECAUSE OF ANY LEGENDARY SNOW GOBLIN...

AND NOW, I'M VERY CERTAIN ...

THE CULPRIT IS CERTAINLY ONE OF US!!!

IT HAS BECOME IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT ...

AND NOW, AS I HAVE LAID BARE THE TRICK BEHIND THE BLOODY CLEAVER...

THE SNOW GOBLIN'S PUNISHMENT ISN'T OVER YET...

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BUT ON THE VERY FIRST NIGHT, A MYSTERIOUS EVENT TOOK PLACE...

ONE OF THE FIVE GUESTS, KUMOSAWA NATSUKI WENT MISSING FROM HER ROOM ALONG WITH ALL OUR SKI EQUIPMENT...

AS WE BEGAN A SEARCH FOR HER, WE FOUND SABAKI KAITO, ANOTHER GUEST, DEAD IN A CRATE IN THE STORAGE ROOM. THE HORRIFIC EVENTS DID NOT STOP THERE, AS A MERE TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

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WHAT DO WE DO NOW, HAJIME-CHAN?

SHOULD WE GO AND TELL EVERYONE ELSE ABOUT HOW THE CLEAVER WAS ACTUALLY THROWN BY THE CULPRIT?

NO, MIYUKI. WE SHOULD WAIT...

FINALLY, A CLUE TO SOLVE THE GRISLY MURDERS HAS BEEN FOUND!

FOR THE MOMENT, LET'S KEEP IT TO OURSELVES. AT LEAST UNTIL I FIGURE OUT THE IDENTITY OF THE KILLER!

IF WE CARELESSLY LET IT SLIP, THE CULPRIT MIGHT DESTROY THIS EVIDENCE OR ANYTHING ELSE THEY COULD HAVE LEFT BEHIND EARLIER ...

MOTIVE?!

YES, WE NEED TO FIND WHAT FUELS THE CULPRIT TO COMMIT SUCH GRUESOME ACTS ...

FIRST, WE NEED TO FIND THE CULPRIT'S MOTIVE!

OK, THEN. BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GO ABOUT IT??

AND WE CAN JUST FIND THAT MISSING LINK, WE'LL HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON ...

ALONG WITH THE MURDER OF SABAKI KAITO, I'M PRETTY SURE THAT KUMSAWA NATSUKI HAS ALSO BEEN KILLED...

MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT CONNECTS THESE TWO PEOPLE...

EH? HIS LAPTOP? WHAT FOR?

DON'T YOU REMEMBER SABAKI-SAN SAYING THIS ...

TO LOOK THROUGH HIS LAPTOP ...

WHY HAVE WE COME TO SABAKI-SAN'S ROOM AGAIN, HAJIME-CHAN??

BUT JUDGING FROM WHAT HE SAID, HE HAS A LAPTOP WITH HIM, IN WHICH HE HAS SAVED STUFF THAT HE WANTS TO UPLOAD TO THE INTERNET...

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT ...

IF HE MEANT TO UPLOAD VIA A SMARTPHONE, HE'D HAVE SAID 'I NEED TO GO SOME PLACE WITH A STRONG CELL TOWER', RIGHT?

I NEED TO QUICKLY GO SOME PLACE WHERE THERE IS INTERNET! THERE'S SO MUCH JUICY STUFF I'VE GOT TO UPLOAD! KHHHH!

DAMMIT, IT'S NOT INSIDE HIS BAG!

I CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE. MAYBE THE CULPRIT TOOK IT WITH THEM?

WE MIGHT FIND SOME SORT OF A CLUE...

AND IF THAT LAPTOP IS STILL IN HIS ROOM...

ALL THE POWER OUTLETS ARE PRETTY SMALL, RIGHT?

YEAH, SINCE THERE ARE NO HEAVY USE APPLIANCES HERE ...

AS I RECALL, THIS ROOM IS PRETTY SIMILAR TO OURS ...

WAIT A MINUTE ...

THE OUTLET NEAR THE BATHROOM HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRIC SHAVER...

LIKE I THOUGHT ...

ALSO, THAT GUY SHOWED NO SIGN OF A STUBBLE ON HIS FACE, SO ...

IT'S MOUNTED TO CHARGE SMARTPHONES ...

THERE'S ONE OUTLET HERE ...

!?

AHA!!

EHH?!

SO, THE ONLY PLACE REMAINING IS THE...

W-WAIT A SECOND! YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY THINK HE'D PUT THE LAPTOP IN THE BATHROOM, DO YOU. HAJIME-CHAN??

IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HE CHARGES IT IN THE BATHROOM, WHERE AN OUTLET IS PRESENT FOR THE HEATER ...

SINCE THIS AREA IS VERY COLD, IT'S NATURAL THAT THE TOILET HAS BEEN FITTED WITH SEAT WARMERS. IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS LAPTOP FROM ITS DRIVES FREEZING OVER...

WE TRY TO SOLVE IT, OF COURSE!

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OH DEAR, IT REQUIRES A PASSWORD TO OPEN!

WHAT NOW, HAJIME-CHAN?

MAYBE THE CULPRIT WAS HERE, BUT THEY DIDN'T LOOK IN THE BATHROOM ...

YEAH, MAYBE ...

HE MOVED HIS INDEX FINGER IN A STRAIGHT LINE, FROM TOP TO BOTTOM...

EARLIER, I SAW THAT GUY FIDDLING WITH HIS SMARTPHONE, AND TO UNLOCK, IT HE TYPED THE PASSWORD ...

YES, IT OPENED!!

I WAS RIGHT!!

SO IF THE PASSWORD TO HIS PHONE IS 2-5-8-0 ...

THERE'S ALWAYS A CHANCE HE USED THE SAME FOR HIS LAPTOP. NOW THEN...

EXACTLY LIKE THIS...

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SO MANY FOLDERS NAMED 'FLAMING'!! IT LOOKS LIKE SABAKI WAS AN INTERNET FLAMER - A PERSON WHO PUBLISHES A LOT OF SLANDEROUS AND INSULTING STUFF ABOUT PEOPLE ON THE INTERNET!!

THAT'S SO DISGUSTING!

UWAAH! WHAT THE HELL IS ALL THIS??

HE PROBABLY USED THE SAME PASSWORD SO HE'D REMEMBER IT EASILY...

EVEN I DO THE SAME...

BAD HABIT ...

YEAH, IT COULD BE ...

WHAT IF THE MOTIVE OF THE CULPRIT IS IN ONE OF THESE FOLDERS?

HE PROBABLY MADE HIMSELF A HELLUVA LOT OF ENEMIES...

AND LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF FOLDERS! IT GOES INTO THREE DIGITS!

BUT I'VE GOTTEN REPORTS THAT A HACKER MAY HAVE INFILTRATED THE SYSTEMS OF "WEB THREAD" ...

THIS IS JUST CONJECTURE ...

I REMEMBER KUROKI-SAN SAYING THAT ...

HOW DID THE CULPRIT FIND OUT IT WAS SABAKI-SAN?

BUT HE PROBABLY FLAMED ON THE NET USING A FALSE NAME ...

EH...? WHAT'S THIS?

FAMOUS IDOL COMMITS SUICIDE?

FAMOUS IDOL COMMITS SUICIDE!

HMM ...

IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT THE CULPRIT WAS USING AN ACCOUNT FROM THIS LAPTOP TO MAKE THOSE COMMENTS ...

THOUGH WE DO KNOW IT WAS SABAKI, LIKE YOU SAID, HE HASN'T USED HIS REAL NAME ON THE FORUM...

WEB THREAD

http://www.yuki-bbs.net/

LOOK AT THIS, MIYUKI. IT'S A FORUM OF WEB THREAD....

THERE ARE A LOT OF COMMENTS FLAMING THE COMPANY...

THIS IS YUKIHIRA SAYAKA, GIRL WHO WAS SELECTED ...

AS THE IMAGE GIRL FOR THE SNOW GOBLIN SKI RESORT ...

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SELECTED AS THE IMAGE GIRL OF SKI GOBLIN SNOW RESORT!!

YUKIHARA SAYAKA!!!

TEEN IDOL YUKIHIRA SAYAKA (19) COMMITTED SUICIDE

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LOOK AT THIS, MIYUKI ...

IN THE OBITUARY PAGE OF THE NEWS-PAPER...

YES, IT PROBABLY WAS. THAT SICK BASTARD... MIYUKI, I THINK THE ENTIRE CASE HINGES ON THIS UNFORTUNATE EVENT ...

OH NO... HAJIME-CHAN, COULD IT BE...

THAT SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE OF THE FLAMINGS OF SABAKI-SAN??

YOU JUST FOCUS ON SOLVING THE CASE!!

IF SO, LEAVE IT TO ME, HAJIME-CHAN! I'LL TAKE IT BACK TO MY ROOM AND GO THROUGH IT!

BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER...

ALL THE INFORMATION WE NEED IS PROBABLY ON THIS LAPTOP!

IF THIS GIRL NAMED YUKIHARA SAYAKA...

IS THE MISSING LINK BETWEEN THE TWO GUESTS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED, THEN WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS ...

OKAY, GOT IT!

DON'T TELL ANYONE ELSE ABOUT THIS LAPTOP, BECAUSE WE DON'T YET KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT COULD BE.

OKAY, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I'LL GET GOING THEN...

OKAY, YOU DO THAT! I'LL GO TELL KUROKI-SAN YOU'RE SICK OR SOMETHING AND COVER FOR YOU ...

SHE'S ALONE IN HER ROOM, AFTER ALL ...

BUT I HOPE SHE'LL BE OKAY...

I NEED TO FIND CLUES IF I'M TO MAKE ANY SORT OF PROG-RESS...

WOW, WHO KNEW MIYUKI COULD BE SUCH A GOOD LITTLE HELPER?

'LL START BY INVESTIGATING SCHOOL STU-DENTS, FROM JUNIOR TO SENIOR HIGH ...

HM? A FOLDER OF SKI CLUB MEMBERS?

AT THIS RATE, HE'S GONE EVEN BEYOND THE DEF-NITION OF A STALKER!

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GOSH, THAT SABAKI HAS SAVED A LOT OF PHOTOS AND PROF LES OF MANY PEOPLE ...

HMM, THE NAME WAS YUKIHARA SAYAKA, YES...?

OH MY !!!

WHAT'S THIS DOWN HERE?

SHE LOOKS A LITTLE CHUBBY, AND WELL... ORDINARY, EVEN ...

HEY, IT LOOKS LIKE THAT GIRL AGAIN. THIS IS PROBABLY FROM HER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TIMES, I GUESS...

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WHAT KIND OF PHOTOGRAPH IS THIS...? SO CRUEL!!!

I-IF THIS PHOTO WAS DURING HER HIGH SCHOOL DAYS WHEN SHE WAS AN IDOL...

A-AND EVEN GRAFFITI ON HER UNDER-WEAR, OH MY GOD... SHE'S BEEN COMPLETELY RIDICULED!!!

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REVEALING CLOTHES, TIGHT NECKLACES, PIERCINGS IN HER EYEBROWS AND LIPS...

SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN BULLIED BY HER PEERS.... AND MERCILESSLY TOO...

AND IT SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE ALL OVER THE WEB THREAD ON-LINE BULLETIN WHICH WAS PRETTY POPULAR IN THOSE DAYS...

AND TO GO FROM BEING A POPULAR IDOL TO A VICTIM OF RELENTLESS BULLYING ...

WOULD BE ENOUGH REASON FOR HER TO COMMIT SUICIDE !!!

KYAAHHH!!!

MIYUKI!!

SO

MIYUKI!! WHAT'S WRONG??

HA... HA...

COULD IT BE ???

WHAT... A SCREAM ???

I THINK IT CAME FROM MIYUKI'S COTTAGE!!

W-WAIT A MINUTE... THAT SHAPE... COULD IT BE ???

I SEE SOMETHING ...

HAJIME-CHAN!!

MIYUKI!!!

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MIYUKI, WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT...

T-THE SNOW GOBLIN!!!

THE SNOW GOBLIN ATTACKED ME IN MY COTTAGE!!!

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W-WHAT THE HELL ...

T-THE ENTIRE ROOM HAS BEEN TORN APART!!

KUROKI-SAN, MATSUSHI-MADA-SAN, FOLLOW THE FOOTPRINTS AND FIND OUT WHERE THEY LEAD TO!!

E-EH?! BUT ...

QUICKLY, GO ON THEN!!

IT HAS TO BE ONE OF THOSE DAMNED HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

THERE ARE FOOTPRINTS LEADING OUT OF THE CAB N !!!

OVER THERE !!!

MIYUKI! THE SNOW GOB..N ...

WHICH WAY DID IT GO ???

DAMN IT...

COME ON ...

WHY ME ...

ANYWAY, I'M BLOODY SURE THAT BASTARD SABAKI IS THE CULPRIT ..

SEE, HE'S EVEN DESTROYED THE LAPTOP WHICH CONTAINS ALL THE EVIDENCE ...

EH? W-WELL SEEING AS WE ARE A COMPANY WHICH DEALS WITH A LOT OF EVENTS...

WE ARE BOUND TO HAVE RIVALS AND ENEMIES!

CEO-SAN ...

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO COULD HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU?

W-WHAT... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPLY??

AND THE FACT IS PRETTY CONVENIENT FOR A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE... EVEN YOU, CEO-SAN!

OH YES, IT CERTAINLY HELPS THAT THE LAPTOP HAS BEEN DESTROYED ...

THEREFORE, AREN'T YOU ALSO PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HER SUICIDE, CEO-SAN? SINCE IT WAS YOUR SITE THAT HOSTED THE CONTENT ...

IT WAS ABOUT A HIGH SCHOOL IDOL WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE, AFTER A LOT OF VULGAR PICTURES OF HER WERE SHARED ON YOUR BULLETIN BOARD... THE FORMER IMAGE GIRL OF YOUR RESORT, THAT IS...

W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN ...

WE LOOKED THROUGH THE HISTORY ON THE LAPTOP HERE, AND WE SAW A LOT OF PICTURES WHERE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SLANDERED ON THE WEB THREAD BULLETIN BOARD...

AND ONE PARTICULAR STORY CAUGHT OUR EYE...

ANSWER ME, KINDAICHI-KUN.

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LOOK, ALL I DID IS PROVIDE A MEDIUM FOR THE PHOTOS TO BE SHARED, OKAY?

CONSIDER ME A PERSON WHO MAKES KNIVES FOR A LIVING. IF SOMEONE USES THAT KNIFE TO STAB SOMEONE ELSE, DO YOU EXPECT ME TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, HUH?

I'VE HEARD IT MORE TIMES THAN I CARE FOR IT...

BAH, NOT THAT SOB STORY AGAIN...

AH, NANASE-CHAN... YOU DON'T HAVE TO HELP HIM IF YOU'RE SCARED TO STAY HERE...

I'M GOING BACK TO MY ROOM. YOU CAN CLEAN THIS MESS...

NOW ENOUGH OF THIS USELESS TALK...

HAHAHA!! WHATEVER YOU SAY ...

E-EH? NO THANK YOU. I'D RATHER NOT...

YOU CAN JOIN ME IN MY ROOM, IF YOU WANT. I'LL ASK THAT AYAME TO LEAVE...

I SEE ...

IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE THAT HE HAS FLED ...

BUT WE DIDN'T FIND HIM OR ANY-ONE ELSE INSIDE...

THE ROOM HAD BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN AND THE CABIN WAS FULL OF FOOT-PRINTS...

AS WE THOUGHT, THE FOOTPRINTS INDEED LEAD TO SABAKI-SAN'S CABIN ...

YEAH, IT REALLY IS ...

BUT I SUPPOSE TO YOU, IT IS ...

BUT THAT'S NOT THE MAIN PROBLEM, KUROKI-SAN ...

THE COMPANY HAS TO GIVE RECOMPEN-SATION FOR ALL THAT WE HAVE LOST HERE!!

THIS IS A DISASTER!

SINCE I'M THE ONE IN CHARGE OF HANDLING ALL COMPLAINTS ...

MIYUKI...

I-I WANT TO GO HOME...

P-PLEASE... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...

M-MIYUKI ...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY??

E-EH? I-I SAID, I'LL BE TORN APART, LIKE THE CARPETS AND MATT-RESSS...

I'LL ALSO BE TORN APART LIKE THOSE CARPETS AND MATTRESSES IN MY ROOM !!!

I HAVE TO GET AWAY FROM HERE... IF I DON'T... I'M SCARED THAT ...

I'M SCARED, HAJIME-CHAN...

EH?? REALLY?

THE TRUTH OF THIS CASE!!

I THINK I'VE FINALLY COME UPON ...

EH?

THAT'S IT... THAT'S IT!!! I SEE NOW!

I WILL DEFINITELY SOLVE THIS MYSTERY...

AS WELL AS THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE SNOW GOBLIN, THE CULPRIT BEHIND THESE MURDERS ...

BUT I HAVE TO PRESS FURTHER. THE MYSTERY OF NOT ONE, BUT TWO DISAPPEARING CORPSES...

I SWEAR IT ...

ON THE NAME OF MY GRANDFATHER!!

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AS MIYUKI AND I TRIED TO INVESTIGATE THESE TWO HAPPENINGS, SHE WAS ATTACKED BY THE SNOW GOBLIN ...

ALL OUR SKIS HAD ALSO DISAPPEARED. AS WE WERE SEARCHING FOR HER, A SECOND INCIDENT TOOK PLACE

ON THE SKI SLOPE THAT MIYUKI AND I WERE WORKING ON, A SERIES OF VERY STRANGE INCIDENTS WERE OCCURING. FIRST, ONE OF THE GUESTS, KUMOSAWA NATSUKI SUDDENLY VANISHED FROM HER CABIN OVERNIGHT...

TO MAKES MATTERS WORSE A MERE 20 MINUTES LATER, HIS CORPSE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE CRATE IT WAS IN..

ANOTHER GUEST, SABAKI KAITO HAD BEEN KILLED ...

COULD THE SNOW GOBLIN REALLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE CRIMES???

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I CANNOT CONFIRM IT ENTIRELY, SINCE THERE ARE STILL QUITE A LOT OF UNSOLVED MYSTERIES ...

HAJIME-CHAN! DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHO THE CULPRIT IS??

JUDGING BY THE STRANGE THINGS "THAT PERSON" SAID, IT CAN ONLY BE THEM! IT ALL FITS PERFECTLY!

BUT I'M PRETTY SURE... THAT CULPRIT IS "THAT PERSON" ...

THE TWO MYSTERIES, MEANING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA-SAN...

AND THE MURDER OF SABAKI-SAN, RIGHT?

YES, CORRECT ...

ESPECIALLY IF WE CONSIDER THE TRICK BEHIND THE CLEAVER ...

BUT WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT THE TRICK BEHIND THE OTHER TWO MYSTERIES AS WELL...

YEAH... DO YOU WANT TO JOIN ME, MIYUKI?

EH? BUT WHERE?

AFTER WE ALL WENT BACK TO OUR ROOMS, THE CULPRIT WENT BACK TO THE STORAGE ROOM AND HID THE BODY SOMEWHERE ...

YOU'RE RIGHT. SO THAT MEANS, THE BODY MUST HAVE BEEN MOVED BY SOMEONE..

LIKE I SAID BEFORE, SABAKI-SAN REALLY WAS DEAD WHEN WE SAW HIM IN THE CRATE ...

THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF IT!

OH NO! THERE?

WHERE WE DISCOVERED SABAKI-SAN'S CORPSE!

TO THE STORAGE ROOM, OF COURSE ...

HEAVE HO!

THERE HAS TO BE SOME SORT OF A TRICK HERE...

PHEW. I HAD EXPECTED THE BODY WOULD RE-APPEAR AGAIN. I WAS WRONG...

IT IS EMPTY ...

YEAH... THIS IS PRETTY STRANGE ...

I'LL PUT THE COFFIN BACK IN PLACE, ANYWAY...

I DON'T KNOW...

WELL, WE KNOW WE WASN'T ALIVE, BUT HE STILL MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THE COFFIN...

YEAH, BUT HOW?

I CAN'T UNMASK THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE CULPRIT!

UNLESS I CAN FIGURE OUT THE TRICK USED HERE...

WE'RE NOT HAVING ANY LUCK TODAY ...

DAMN IT! THE LID IS STUCK ON THE TOP AND IT CAN'T BE CLOSED...

EH?

HEY... WHAT IF THERE'S MORE THAN ONE CULPRIT DOING ALL THIS?

COME ON, THERE HAS TO BE A WAY!!

WE'VE COME SO FAR TO EXPOSING THE CULPRIT ...

BESIDES, THE CULPRIT HAD AN ALIBI FOR THE CRIME, RIGHT?

OH YEAH, I FORGOT ABOUT THAT !!

HMM ..

PERHAPS THE ACCOMPLICE HID HIMSELF IN ONE OF THEM, SOMEWHERE?

THERE ARE A LOT OF EMPTY COTTAGES AFTER ALL...

WHILE THE CULPRIT STAYED IN, THE ACCOMPLICE WENT OUT, DRESSED AS THE SNOW GOBLIN, AND THEN COMMITTED ALL THE CRIMES!

I'M PRETTY SURE THERE IS ANOTHER TRICK BEHIND THE TWO CRIMES AS WELL...

IF THE CULPRIT WENT THROUGH SUCH A CLEVER TRICK TO CREATE AN ALIBI...

THEY COULD HAVE JUST ASKED THE ACCOMPLICE TO DO IT ...

OH, YEAH ...

BUT THEN ...

WHY DID THEY USE A TRICK TO THROW THAT CLEAVER AT US??

BUT WHAT WAS THE POINT OF MAKING THE CORPSE DISAPPEAR, HAJIME-CHAN?

I UNDERSTAND WHY THE CULPRIT WOULD WANT TO USE THE TRICK WITH THE CLEAVER TO MAKE AN ALIBI...

I-I SEE!! IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT THAT WAY ..

IT CAN BE DONE !!!

EH? WHAT HAPPENED, HAJIME-CHAN?

M-MAKING THE CORPSE DISAPPEAR ??

EHHH?! MAGIC??

IT'S A MAGIC BOX, YOU KNOW...

GRANDPA!! YOU CAME!!

HAJIME-KUN...

COME, SEE WHAT I'VE GOT FOR YOU...

PATIENCE, HE HE HE ...

QUICK, OPEN IT !!

OOH, SHOW ME!!

AT THAT TIME, DIDN'T SOMETHING LIKE HIS HAPPEN? ...

YEAH ...

HEY, MIYUKI... WHEN WE FIRST FOUND SABAKI-SAN'S BODY, YOU WERE THERE, RIGHT?

OH, SORRY ...

HAJIME-CHAN?

THAT ACTION TAKEN BY "THAT PERSON" WAS CERTAINLY STRANGE!

YES, I KNEW IT!

IT DID HAPPEN LIKE HOW YOU SAID!

WHY, YES ...

!?

I REMEMBER NOW. MY GRANDPA ONCE SHOWED ME A MAGIC BOX WITH THE SAME KIND OF TRICK...

MIYUKI, I NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN...

YES!

THE CULPRIT HAS TO BE "THAT PERSON" !!!

THEN YOU WERE RIGHT, HAJIME-CHAN ...

N-NO WAY ...

DAMN... I WAS RIGHT!

LET'S START BY SEARCHING THE COTTAGE SHE WAS ASSIGNED TO...

NOW ON TO THE NEXT MYSTERY, THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA NATSUKI!

ALRIGHT!

I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING...

EH? WHAT IS IT?

I KNOW THAT THE CULPRIT USED THE TRICK WITH THE CLEAVER TO ENSURE THEIR ALIBI...

HAJIME-CHAN...

AND WE DIDN'T FIND A SINGLE THING...

WE'VE BEEN AT IT FOR SO LONG...

WHY DID THE CULPRIT GO TO SUCH A LENGTH TO ENSURE THAT? WAS THAT TO ENSURE THEIR ALIBI AS WELL?

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BUT IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA-SAN, SHE WAS MADE TO VANISH WITHOUT LEAVING BEHIND A SINGLE FOOTPRINT...

I STILL THINK WE'RE MISS-ING SOME-THING VERY IMPORTANT!!

ARGH, DAMN IT !!

I DON'T KNOW! IF ONLY THE CULPRIT HADN'T DAMAGED THAT LAPTOP, WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN MORE HINTS!!

OR COULD THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE TRICK BE SOMETHING ELSE? SOMETHING ...

SHE'S RIGHT. THERE'S NO NEED FOR SUCH AN ELABORATE TRICK...

W-WHAA? THAT'S GREAT!

HEY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT EARLIER ??

S-SORRY, I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT AFTER THE ATTACK AND STUFF!

SO I TOOK A PICTURE OF THEM WITH MY PHONE!

WHEN I WAS LOOKING THROUGH SABAKI-SAN'S LAPTOP, I SAW A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT SEEMED TO BE IMPORTANT ...

FRET NOT, HAJIME-CHAN!

EH?

URGH, LOOK AT THESE MORPHED PHOTOGRAPHS! SUCH HORRIBLE SLANDER TOO! WHAT IS ALL THIS??

IT LOOKS LIKE ONE OF SABAKI-SAN'S FLAMING THREADS. HE'S THE ONE WHO WROTE ALL THIS HORRIBLE STUFF ...

FINE. OKAY, WHAT IS THIS?

HMM? A THREAD ABOUT THAT IDOL, YUKIHIRA?

YES, BUT READ IT FULLY. IT'S SO CRUEL!

HMM?

THAT BASTARD ...

DAMN IT, I CAN'T EVEN FORCE MYSELF TO READ IT... SABAKI DID IT, HUH?

IT COULD BE...

AND IF THAT'S THE CASE ...

THE OTHER ONE... IT LOOKS LIKE A TRACK-SUIT, RIGHT? WAIT, COULD IT HAVE BEEN CLICKED AT THE SKI CLUB?

LOOK AT THESE TWO PHOTOS. SHE IS WEARING DIFFERENT CLOTHES N THEM, RIGHT?

YEAH. THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE A SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SEEMS TO BE CLICKED IN A CLASS-ROOM...

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THERE !!

THAT'S THE PARKA THAT KUMOSAWA-SAN WAS WEARING EARLIER. ..

JUST AS I THOUGHT!!

LOOK HERE, HAJIME-CHAN! THE IDOL WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE, YUKIHARA WAS ALSO FROM HAKUSAN HIGH SCHOOL!!

THE LOGO ON IT SAYS - 'HAKUSAN HIGH SCHOOL' !!!

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WAIT A SEC... BACK THEN, KUMOSAWA SAID SHE WAS A COMPLETE NOVICE AT SKIING...

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THEN HOW COULD SHE HAVE TAKEN THAT PICTURE OF SAYAKA IN THE SKI CLUB ??

MIYUKI... I THINK IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT KUMOSAWA NATSUKI AND THE IDOL WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE, YUKIHARA SAYAKA WERE CLASSMATES IN HIGH SCHOOL ...

AND THE TWO PHOTOS OF SAYAKA WHICH WE JUST SAW... WERE PROBABLY TAKEN AND POSTED ONLINE BY KUMOSAWA ...

EH?

SOMETHING FELL FROM THE PARKA ...

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YEAH, THEY'RE THE TYPE OF CONTACT LENSES WHICH SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR A DAY...

AH, YES. AND AFTER USE, THEY HAVE TO BE DISCARED, RIGHT?

1 DAY contact

WHAT IS TH S?

ISN'T THIS A CONTACT LENS CASE?

YEAH ...

BUT WE DIDN'T FIND THAT LENS IN KUMOSAWA'S COTTAGE, EITHER ...

I'M PRETTY SURE THE CULPRIT HAS ONE MORE TARGET TO GET RID OF!

BUT WE HAVE TO, MIYUKI! AFTER SEEING THE PHOTOS FROM SABAKI-SAN'S LAPTOP ...

E-EH? BUT HOW? WE STILL DON'T HAVE SKIS, AND WHO IS TO SAY THE SNOW WON'T RETURN??

AH, LOOK. THE SNOW'S STOPPED FALLING, AND YOU CAN EVEN SEE THE SUN ...

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE CAN GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND GET HELP, THEN!

IF IT CAN TRY TO REPAIR IT...

T-THIS IS BAD, HAJIME-CHAN. IF THE CABLE CAR WAS STILL IN WORKING CONDITION, WE COULD HAVE USED THAT...

AND BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, WE NEED TO CONTACT THE OUTSIDE WORLD ...

LOOK HERE, MIYUK...

EH?

IF YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG, AND ...

W-WAIT A MINUTE, HAJIME-CHAN! YOU DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT REPAIRING CABLE CARS!!

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IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO CONNECT THEM BACK TOGETHER ...

LET ME TRY...

THE POWER LINES HAVE BEEN CUT ...

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YEAH. OKAY, LET'S HOPE THIS WORKS. HERE GOES NOTHING!

PHEW

GOOD JOB, HAJIME-CHAN!

Whirrrrrrr!!!!

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I NEED TO COMPLETE THE PLAN!

INTERFERING BRATS...

THEY'VE ALMOST UNCOVERED MY TRICK !!

OKAY!

LET'S GO CHECK IT OUT!!

DAMN IT...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, HAJIME-CHAN?

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ALL THE CONTROLLERS ARE SMASHED ...

THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN ...

DAMN IT ALL...

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LET'S GO BACK TO THE CABINS ...

THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO...

WHAT S IT, HAJIME-CHAN?

HM? WAIT A MINUTE ...

HAJIME-CHAN?

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NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT TO SEE...

HEY, THERE'S NO CELL TOWER HERE, EITHER!

IF I'M NOT WRONG...

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT !!!

EH?!

B-BUT... HOW CAN THIS BE??

WHY ARE WE BACK AT KUMOSAWA-SAN'S CAB N?

UM... HAJIME-CHAN...

BUT THE EVIDENCE... IT HAS TO BE DISPOSED SOMEWHERE ...

WE ALREADY SEARCHED IN HERE, REMEMBER? WE DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING!

EXACTLY!! WE DIDN'T FIND ANYTHING AT ALL!!

JUST AS I THOUGHT!!!

PLEASE, TELL ME!!

H-HAJIME-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG??

THEN THAT MEANS ...

A-AH!

I UNDERSTAND IT NOW, MIYUKI ...

EH?

HUH ...

DON'T STOP SO ABRUPTLY !!!

KYAAA !!

E-EH?! THEN THAT MEANS ...

AND HOW SHE FELL PREY TO THE SNOW GOBLIN!!

THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF KUMOSAWA NATSUKI...

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HAVE BEEN SOLVED!!!

ALL THE MYSTERIES ...

IN THIS CASE SURROUNDED BY A VORTEX OF SORROW, WHAT IS THE REAL IDENTITY OF THE SNOW GOBLIN?

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THERE IS STILL ONE MORE...

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ARE YOU THE ONE THAT IS THE MOST ENVIOUS??

ONE MORE PERSON WHO WILL FEEL THE SNOW GOBLIN'S WRATH...

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ARE YOU THE ONE THAT SPREADS RUMOURS??

...

ARE YOU THE ONE THAT SCORNS THE WEAK??

JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER ...

A LITTLE LONGER ...

SAYAKA ...

AVENGE YOUR DEATH!!!

AND I WILL SURELY ...

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YES?

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I WAS AFRAID IT WAS THE SNOW GOBLIN... SIGH!

AH, YES ...

IT IS ME...

PLEASE COME N ...

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GEEZ! TILL WHEN ARE WE GOING TO BE STUCK HERE, YOU THINK?

I JUST WANT TO GO HOME ALREADY!

DON'T YO- ...

S-SNOW GOBLIN?!

W-WHAT ...

N-NO WAY ...

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!?

SO, THE MASK AND THE COSTUME ARE BOTH MADE OF RUBBER, WHICH MAKES IT EASY FOR YOU TO HIDE IT IN YOUR SKI BAG...

AND IT'S ALSO EASIER TO WASH THE BLOOD OFF, ISN'T IT?

I'VE GOT YOU NOW... SNOW GOBLIN !!!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS, KINDAICHI-KUN?

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THEY ARE NOT BEHIND THIS.... BECAUSE THEY WERE BOTH KILLED!

EHH?!

AND ALSO KUMOSAWA-SAN?

THE MISSING SABAKI-SAN ...

SO THIS WASN'T THE WORK OF ...

THIS WAS A SERIAL K LL NG, KAGEHIRA-CHAN ...

NANASE-CHAN...

CORRECT ...

AN ELABORATE SERIAL KILLING, SET UP FOR REVENGE...

IT WAS TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF YUKIHIRA SAYAKA, AN IDOL WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE TWO YEARS AGO ...

YU... YUKIHIRA ??

TSUBAK HARA-SAN... YOU WENT TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS YUKIHARA SAYAKA, DIDN'T YOU?

AND TH S PHOTO OF HER WEARING SK! CLOTHES, WHICH WAS THEN MORPHED AND SPREAD ACROSS THE NTERNET ...

AND YOU WERE ALSO HER SENIOR IN THE SKI CLUB...

WAS TAKEN BY YOU, WASN'T IT?

I-I DON'T KNOW ...

I DON'T NEED YOU TO ADMIT IT...

THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE SAYS IT ALL!

THE F RST VICTIM, KUMO-SAWA NATSUK! ALSO ATTENDED THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS YOU...

AND WROTE HORRIBLE, SLANDEROUS THINGS... WAS SABAKI-SAN ...

AND THE ONE WHO SPREAD IT ON THE INTERNET ...

MUST HAVE BEEN CLICKED BY HER!

THE FIRST PHOTO OF YUKIHIRA, WHICH WAS TAKEN IN A CLASSROOM ...

A-AND YOU SAY THOSE TWO WERE ACTUALLY KILLED??

ESPECIALLY THE 'REVENGE' YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT...

W-WAIT A MINUTE...

T-THIS IS ALL VERY CONFUSING!!

IT'S JUST LIKE WHAT KAGEHIRA-SAN SAID ...

T-THAT'S TRUE ...

AND WE NEVER EVEN FOUND KUMOSAWA-SAN'S BODY!!

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT? THE BODY OF SABAKI-SAN WENT MISSING ...

WHEN IT WAS THROWN, WE WERE ALL PRESENT IN THE COTTAGE! ONLY SABAKI AND KUMOSAWA WERE MISSING...

SO ONLY ONE OF THOSE TWO COULD HAVE THROWN IT, RIGHT?

THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE CLEAVER THAT WAS THROWN AT US?

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT THEY HAVE BEEN MURDERED WHEN WE HAVEN'T EVEN FOUND THEIR BODIES??

LIKE I SAID, IT ISN'T TOUGH TO DO. SO I WENT OUTSIDE TO LOOK FOR EVIDENCE ...

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FIRST USE A ROCK AS A FULCRUM, AND THEN PLACE A WOODEN BOARD ON TOP OF IT, LIKE A SEE SAW. PLACE THE CLEAVER ON ONE END, AND A BUCKET ON THE OTHER...

DUE TO THE DROP IN TEMPERATURE, THE SNOW ON THE ROOF MELTS, AND FALLS INTO THE BUCKET, WHICH THEN PROPELS THE CLEAVER ON THE OTHER END TO CRASH INTO THE WINDOW ...

AH, THAT CLEAVER ...

IT'S ACTUALLY A VERY SIMPLE TRICK ...

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I EVEN ATTEMPTED A TRIAL MYSELF, AND I FOUND IT WAS QUITE SUCCESFUL! THAT WAS CERTAINLY HOW THE TRICK WAS DONE!

AND I FOUND BOTH THE BUCKET AND THE WOODEN BOARD USED FOR THE TRICK ...

WHEN WE FIRST FOUND THE CORPSE, WE WERE ALL TOGETHER...

WE WENT BACK TO THE COTTAGE TOGETHER, AND NONE OF US COULD HAVE CARRIED THE BODY AT THAT TIME...

BUT WHEN WE WENT BACK 20 MINUTES LATER, THE CORPSE WAS GONE!! WHEN DID THE CULPRIT GET THE CHANCE TO HIDE IT??

HOW DID SABAKI'S BODY JUST VANISH FROM THE ROOM?

E-EVEN SO ...

E-EH?! MAGIC TRICK??

WITH THE HELP OF A LITTLE MAGIC TRICK!

YOU SEE, HIIRAGI-SAN... THAT CAN EASILY BE DONE...

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AND YOU'D BETTER COME ALONG AS WELL, MR. SNOW GOBLIN ...

YES. I CAN EVEN GIVE YOU A SMALL DEMONSTRATION RIGHT NOW, IF YOU'D LIKE...

THAT WE FIRST FOUND SABAKI-SAN'S CORPSE ...

IT WAS IN THIS COFFIN, WHICH IS NOW IN ITS NICHE ...

HIRAGI-SAN, PLEASE HELP ME.

S-SURE ...

PERHAPS IT WAS A ZOMBIE, AND IT WALKED OFF ON ITS OWN?

AND WE ALL DID SEE THE CORPSE IN IT, AND LATER, THE SAME CORPSE HAD VANISHED ...

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AND NOW OPEN THE LID...

ONE... TWO... THREE !!!

WRONG. IT'S JUST A DUMMY WHICH I MADE WITH ONE OF THE BLANKETS, AND THEN DRAPED WITH A SWEATER SIMILAR TO SABAKI-SAN'S...

KYYAAAH!!

GEEZ! PLEASE DON'T FRIGHTEN US LIKE THAT, KINDAICHI-KUN!

S-SABAKI-SAN??

...AND PUSH!

I WONDER WHAT HE S PLANNING ...

CORRECT! WE HAVE NOW DONE THE F RST STEP. NOW, LET US PUT IT BACK LIKE BEFORE ...

S-SO, I TAKE IT TH S FOR THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DEMONSTRATION ??

W-WHAT THE... SUDDENLY, HE'S TALKING ABOUT HIS GRANDPA ...

EHHH?! BUT HAJIME-CHAN'S GRANDPA IS NO ORDINARY PERSON !!!

WHEN I WAS A LITTLE K D, MY GRANDPA SHOWED ME A MAGIC TRICK ...

EHHH?!!

HE IS NONE OTHER THAN THE ONE AND ONLY KOUSUKE KINDAICHI, THE GREAT DETECTIVE!!

HE HE HE... YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE PATIENCE, HAJIME-KUN ...

COME, ON HURRY UP ...

OPEN IT AND SHOW ME!!!

AHEM. LIKE I WAS SAYING... HE ONCE SHOWED ME A MAGIC TRICK...

WHY DON'T YOU OPEN IT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF?

OKAY!

BUT WHERE'S THE CARD?

INSIDE THIS BOX OF COURSE !!

E-EH?! IT'S EMPTY?? B-BUT...

HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?? IT WASN'T THERE A SECOND AGO!!

AHH!! IT'S INSIDE!!

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AND OVER HERE, THE COFFIN USES THE EXACT SAME PRINCIPLE!!

IT WAS ACTUALLY THE BOX ITSELF!!

THE TRICK WAS SIMPLE! IT WAS NOT THE CARD WHICH CONTAINED THE MAGIC...

EHHH?! THAT'S IMPOSSBLE !!!

THE COFFIN IS EMPTY!!!

AND IT'S LIKE TH S ...

YES, THERE'S A TRICK WITH THE COFFIN ...

H-HOW CAN THAT BE? THE DUMMY WAS JUST .NSIDE IT..

W-WHAT IS TH S??

THE COFFIN HAS SOME SORT OF A BACKDOOR ???

TH S IS ACTUALLY A DOUBLE-LAYERED COFF N...

FIRST TIME OPENING THE COFFIN :

BODY IS PRESENT!

WHEN WE OPEN THE COFFIN FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE CORPSE IS PRESENT INSIDE IT, LIKE WE SAW WITH THE DUMMY NOW, AND SABAKI-SAN EARLIER...

BUT, WHEN THE COFFIN IS PUSHED BACK INTO ITS NICHE, THE TRICK IS TO APPLY A LITTLE MORE FORCE, SO THAT THE FALSE BACK OF THE COFFIN IS OPENED, AND THE CORPSE ROLLS INTO THE SECOND, HIDDEN LAYER. THEREFORE, WHEN THE COFFIN IS OPENED THE SECOND TIME, THE CORPSE SEEMED TO HAVE VANISHED ...

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SECOND TIME OPENING THE COFFIN :

BODY HAS VANISHED!!

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SO WE WERE TRICKED!!

EEHH?

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CORRECT! THE CORPSE OF SABAKI-SAN WAS STILL INSIDE IT AT THE TIME!!!

S-SO, BEHIND THE FALSE BACK OF THE COFFIN AT THAT TIME ...

BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR HIM, HE NEVER GOT THE TIME, SINCE MIYUKI AND I WERE ALWAYS HANGING AROUND HERE...

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THE CULPRIT ACTUALLY WANTED TO DISPOSE OF THE COFFIN AS WELL...

HE WANTED TO SWAP THIS COFFIN WITH THE FALSE BACK FOR A REGULAR COFFIN...

SO AFTER THAT, THE CULPRIT CAME BACK HERE AND REMOVED THE CORPSE FROM THE COFFIN...

AND THEN DISPOSED OF IT SOMEWHERE ...

AND AS FOR THE FINAL PART OF HIS PLAN, HE'D MURDER TSUBAKIHARA-SAN AND MAKE IT LOOK LIKE SHE WAS THE ONE BEHIND ALL THE MURDERS ...

AND HE WOULD ALSO CAUSE A COMMOTION BY SAYING THAT SABAKI-SAN AND KUMOSAWA-SAN WERE ALIVE, THUS TAKING THE FOCUS AWAY FROM HIM ...

HE WANTED TO SWAP THE COFFINS TO ENSURE THAT THE TRICK WAS NEVER FOUND OUT...

YOU SAW US RESEARCHING SABAKI-SAN'S LAPTOP, AND YOU FELT UNEASY...

THEN, THE FIRST FLAW IN YOUR PLAN OCCURED ...

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I'VE GOT TO ADMIT... A VERY DARING TRICK!!

THEREFORE, YOU MADE A BIG SHOW OF ATTACKING MIYUKI, BUT YOU WERE ACTUALLY TRYING TO DESTROY THE LAPTOP ALL ALONG, WEREN'T YOU?

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WE'D ALSO FIND THAT TSUBAKIHARA-SAN COULD BE THE NEXT TARGET AS SHE WENT TO THE SAME HIGH SCHOOL AS YUKIHIRA...

IF WE HAD FOUND THAT THE MOTIVE WAS REALLY TO AVENGE YUKIHIRA SAYAKA ...

SABAKI-SAN'S LAPTOP CONTAINED A LOT OF HIS FLAMING FILES ...

YOU COMMITTED A GRIEVOUS MISTAKE!!!

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BUT IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT ...

AND AFTER THAT, I MANAGED TO FIND A VERY COMPELLING PIECE OF EVIDENCE!!!

IT WAS BEYOND DOUBT, THAT ONLY YOU COULD BE THE CULPRIT ...

AND WHEN I REALISED THAT MISTAKE IN MY MIND...

EH? A MISTAKE?

IT CAN ONLY BE YOU!!!

THE TRUE IDENTITY OF THE CULPRIT WHO KILLED TWO PEOPLE AND MADE THEIR CORPSES VANISH...

SNOW GOBLIN !!!

KINDAICHI SHOUNEN NO JIKENBO R